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TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

THE GERMANS ARE ACCUSED OF FRESH LYING.
FRANCE IS CALLING UP MEN OF THE 1888 CLASS.
FELLING OF A BRITISH MONOPLANE AND BIPLANE IS CLAIMED.
THE ENEMY'S METHODICAL BOMBARDMENTS ARE LESS ACTIVE.
THE GERMANS SAY THE FRENCH HAVE RECAPTURED FORT VAUX.
THERE IS A FRESH HEAVY SLUMP IN GERMAN EXCHANGE RATES.
GENERAL PORRE, OF THE ITALIAN ARMY, HAS ARRIVED IN PARIS.
GERMANS MAKE DUBIOUS CLAIM OF CAPTURE OF FRENCH PRISONERS.
GERMAN FLEET MOVEMENTS REPORTED CONNECTED WITH MINELAYING
THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO INFLICT MOST FRIGHTFUL LOSSES ON GERMANS.

THE FIGHTING IN THE WEST.

German Story of French Re-Capture.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

A Berlin communique says that strong counter-attacks by the French on the new German front resulted in the recapture of Fort Vaux. Otherwise, the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

The communique makes a dubious claim to progress in the wood west of Douaumont and south-east of Damloup, also the capture of 600 prisoners, west of the Meuse, and eleven cannon.

It is noteworthy that a French communique affirms that the Germans made no infantry attack.

"A Fresh Lie."

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a semi-official report describes the German assertion of French counter-attacks at Fort Vaux as a fresh lie. It says:—We never lost the fort, which the Germans never attacked.

More German Claims.

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

The Germans claim to have felled a British monoplane and a biplane.

Fightful German Losses.

March 12, 3.20 p.m.

A semi-official Paris statement says the Germans renewed their assault on the wings at Verdun, but again failed.

The enemy, after getting a few outlying houses east of Vaux, was shattered on the slopes by the French 75's.

The enemy's methodical bombardments were less active, and this probably indicates the necessity of bringing up supplies and reconstructing regiments.

The accuracy of the French fire was responsible for most frightful German losses without any appreciable German progress.

The prodigal waste of German lives is one of the surest elements for Allied victory.

The Latest German Claim.

March 12, 3.20 p.m.

A Belin communique says Saxon regiments stormed, along a front of a thousand yards, positions at Ville aux Bois, eleven miles north-west of Rheims.

The communique claims 700 prisoners and five machine-guns, but a French communique points out that the position was immediately retaken.

AUXILIARY SHIP MINED.

March 12, 9.00 p.m.

It is officially announced that the mercantile auxiliary Fauvette has been mined on the East Coast. Fourteen men were drowned.

GERMAN EXCHANGE DROPS HEAVILY.

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

There is a fresh heavy slump in German exchange, which fell at Berne half a franc on Thursday and a franc on Friday.

THE NEW GERMAN "FRIGHTFULNESS."

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

The reports of movements of the German Fleet are thought to be connected with the new development of mine-laying which is apparently to play a large part in the new German "frightfulness."

THE PARIS CONFERENCES.

(*Havas Telegram.*)

March 11.

General Porro, sub-chief Staff Officer of the Italian Army, has arrived in Paris to participate at the conferences which are to be held at Headquarters.

RELEASING MORE FRENCH SOLDIERS.

March 11.

The French Government will shortly call to the Colours the 1888 Class to take the place of the men who are employed in war material establishments and who are still able to fight.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8 or on Extra].

TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A NON-COMBATANT CORPS.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."

March 11, 12.05 p.m.

The formation of a Non-Combatant Corps is announced. The opinion is expressed that it is designed to meet the case of conscientious objectors enlisted through the Tribunals. They will probably be employed in trench-digging, burial parties and similar duties.

THE EAST HERTS SURPRISE.

March 11, 12.05 p.m.

With regard to the East Herts bye-election, the papers agree that the return of Mr. Pemberton is most surprising. The *Daily Mail*, which supported his candidature, declares that the Government Whips are perturbed at the result which shows that "the people cannot permanently be chloroformed." The paper says that Mr. Billing as an Independent member will not receive party Whips, but will find a great deal of support from both the Unionist and Liberal War Committees. The *Daily News* regards Mr. Billing's return with disquietude, as showing that the battle with the liquor interests is in no wise ended, and says that the publicans voted solidly against the Coalition candidate.

MR. CHURCHILL'S LATEST ROLE.

March 11, 12.05 p.m.

The *Daily Express* says Mr. Churchill has decided to return to the House of Commons and is hoping to lead a new Opposition.

SOLVING THE FREIGHT PROBLEM.

March 11, 12.50 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent reports that, in the Chamber, the Minister of Marine announced that the question of freights is on the road to settlement by France, Britain and Italy, which are considering the establishment of an office for the centralisation of the freight requirements of the Allies.

FRENCH LINER SUNK.

March 11, 1.20 p.m.

A message from Havre reports that the French liner Loisiane has been sunk, all being saved.

GERMANY'S DECLARATION AGAINST PORTUGAL.

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

The papers emphasise the significance of Germany's declaration of war against Portugal and its bearing on East Africa, where the Germans are now completely hemmed in. Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon says it is expected that the Government will make a statement in Parliament on Portuguese relations with Germany and will then collectively resign. The German Minister to Portugal, together with the staff of the Legation, has gone to Madrid. Reuter learns that Germany's action is purely provocative, as Portugal is legally entitled to requisition ships which have been so long immobilised; moreover, Portugal's action does not violate the commercial treaty as the vessels were not in transit.

March 12, 3.50 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon states that in a motion to Congress, the Premier agreed to form a National Ministry.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN ITALY.

March 11, 1.45 p.m.

A telegram from Milan states that there is dissatisfaction with Signor Salandra and that the desire for a more representative Cabinet is growing. Signor Bisselati is indicated as the new Premier, and if he accepts, it will mean a closer union of Italy with the Allies and a declaration of war against Germany.

NEW BRIGADIER GENERAL.

March 11, 2.30 p.m.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Percy Sykes has been gazetted temporary Brigadier-General.

GENERAL GALLIENI ILL.

March 11, 2.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that General Gallieni (who is in charge of the defences of Paris) is ill.

MORE MARRIED MEN WANTED.

March 11, 2.55 p.m.

It is stated that a Proclamation calling up married men between the ages of 27 and 35 will be posted on March 17.

TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

American Lives Endangered.

March 11, 6.40 p.m.

A message from Washington states that the American Consul at Havre reports that seven Americans have been rescued from the Norwegian barque Silius, which was torpedoed without warning on the 9th inst.

The Incident Viewed Seriously.

March 11, 7.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington, says the State Department officials view the attack on the Silius seriously, and await full information. If she was torpedoed as described, it will be regarded as contrary to the assurances received from Austria and Germany.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

Enemy's Terrible Losses.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."

March 12, 2.00 a.m.

A Paris communique states: On the left of the Meuse the opposing artilleries are less active. The bombardment on the right bank continues to be intense in the region west of Douaumont, but is slower on the remainder of the sector and in the Woevre region. The enemy has not attempted an infantry attack on the whole of our front. Fresh reports confirm the terrible German losses in the fruitless assaults west of Douaumont. On Friday, the Germans thrice attacked in columns of four, but were mown down by our artillery and machine-guns. They retired, leaving the ground covered with corpses. A French aeroplane in the region of Douaumont brought down a Fokker, which fell in flames in the German lines.

On the British Front.

March 12, 3.50 a.m.

A British communique says: We exploded three mines east of Vermelles with satisfactory results. Artillery on both sides was active about Albert, Hulluch and Ypres.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of Yesterday.]

THE ADVANCING RUSSIANS.

March 10, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Russians are forty versts from Trebizond.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

March 10, 6.00 p.m.

A Paris communique gives brilliant French air successes in numerous actions, mostly over the German lines. Fifteen German aeroplanes were routed and ten were seen to plunge vertically in their own lines. A Fokker machine and another were felled in Champagne and three at Verdun.

March 10, 7.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says it is officially announced that the Germans are circulating the legend that the French started the offensive at Verdun.

March 11, 12.35 a.m.

A British communique says: Yesterday 31 aeroplanes made a successful attack on the enemy railhead and billets at Carbin. All returned safely and it is believed that considerable damage was done. As the result of a fight in the air with a hostile machine one of our machines was brought down near Tournai. Last night enemy bombing attacks against two of our craters near the Hohenzollern Redoubt were both repulsed. To-day there is much artillery activity on both sides about the Hohenzollern Redoubt and Loos and between Quinquerue and Fauquissart. North of Fauquissart our artillery damaged a mineshaft.

March 11, 2.10 p.m.

A Paris communique says: West of the Meuse, where the bombardment is ceaseless during the day, the enemy furiously assaulted our positions. At Corbeaux Wood several attacks were repulsed successively by artillery, infantry and maxim gun fire which devastated the enemy's ranks. Notwithstanding that the losses were utterly disproportionate to the objective the Germans delivered a final assault with a division and succeeded in re-occupying part of Corbeaux Wood, which we re-took from them on March 8.

The Germans east of the Meuse twice attacked the trenches west of the village of Douaumont but they were stopped by artillery and maxim gun fire and failed to approach the positions anywhere. Our artillery stopped an attack which was preparing against the village of Vaux. It is confirmed that the Germans lost heavily on Thursday in attacks against the village and trenches at the bottom of the ridge surmounted by Fort Vaux. The enemy bombardment at Woevre is intense and is vigorously countered by our batteries. The Germans threw floating mines in the Meuse at St. Mihiel but these were fished up before doing any damage. We wrecked enemy organisations in Lorraine.

March 11, 5.10 p.m.

A Paris communique says that northward of the Aisne, after several hours bombardment, the enemy debouched at Ville au Bois and attacked our salient at Bois des Buttes. After lively fighting we ejected the enemy from a portion of the wood which they had succeeded in occupying. Westward of the Meuse the German made a strong night attack upon our trenches at Bettincourt and on the Chattancourt Road, but an immediate counter-attack gave us complete possession of an important communication trench which the Germans had penetrated.

East of the Meuse, between the village of Vaux and the Fort Vaux Ridge, a heavy all night bombardment was repeated. During infantry attacks on the ruined village the enemy captured some eastern houses. We still hold the western portion, against which all the enemy's efforts have failed.

As the result of several attacks on the Fort Vaux Ridge the enemy made some progress up the slopes, but our fire broke all effects to reach the entanglements in front of the fort. The intense bombardment continues in the district of Eix Moulainville.

Our artillery in Lorraine severely damaged the enemy's works near Embermenil.

March 11, 7.10 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris it is semi-officially announced that the Germans re-attempted to retrieve their failures and showed incredible ferocity and mad obstinacy. They made frightful sacrifices but did not gain an inch. A German army corps failed to make an impression on Bethincourt while the French continued to advance at Bois Corbeax. Several German corps attacked on three kilometres in the Douaumont and Vaux regions but the enemy's regiments were annihilated by artillery and rifle fire. The carnage ceased with a snowstorm at dusk.

(*Continued on page 8*).

TELEGRAMS.

THE MEXICAN UNREST.

An American Expedition.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

London, Received, March 12.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that White House announces that an adequate force will be immediately sent to capture General Villa. It will scrupulously respect the sovereignty of Mexico. President Carranza has expressed regret for the Columbus outrage. In New York it is expected that General Funston will command the expedition, which will comprise 5,000 troops. The Government will act cautiously as it is believed that General Villa's defiance of the United States is prompted by Germans and that Mexico, in the event of hostilities, may become a recruiting ground for bellicose American-Germans.

A Ranch Raided.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Douglas reports that 200 of General Villa's followers raided a ranch at Osborn Junction, killing an American and stealing cattle. Six squadrons of cavalry have been got ready to pursue General Villa.

FIRE REAPPEARS ON THE NELLORE.

London, Received, March 12.

Fire has reappeared in the No. 2 hold of the P. and O. steamer Nellore. She is still discharging.

NEW PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

London, Received, March 12.

The Hon. Mr. Hughes, Premier of Australia, has been made a Privy Councillor.

[The following telegram appeared in our special edition of yesterday.]

AMERICANS PURSUE MEXICAN BANDITS.

London, Received, March 12.

Reuter's correspondent at New York says that Mexican bandits of Villa's party raided the town of Columbus, New Mexico. They were driven out by the American cavalry with 100 killed and 200 wounded. Sixteen Americans were killed. The Americans pursued them into Mexico and returned when the Mexicans were reinforced. It is stated that the United States Government will give the army liberty to catch bandits.

UNDER SECRETARY FOR COLONIES.

London, Received, March 12.

Sir George Fiddes has been appointed Permanent Under Secretary for the Colonies.

[Sir George Fiddes has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies since 1903.]

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28.

Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; noon.

Wednesday, March 29.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

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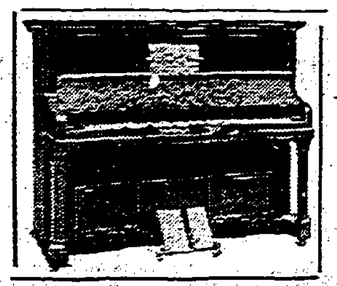

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Mr. S. H. McKean appeared for the prosecution and Mr. R. N. Macleod for the defence.

His worship's judgment was as follows:—

The charge against the defendant company is that they, on the 19th day of January, 1915, at Hankow, did by the issue of a contract of marine insurance covering war risk numbered 15/705a insure, and thereby undertook to make good, any loss or damage then to be suffered by the enemy at sea, to wit Carlowitz & Co., an enemy firm, in respect of 176 cases of hen yolk and 74 cases of albumen of the total value of Tls. 18,017.78, being goods of the enemy liable to capture at sea, contrary to the provisions of section 1 of the Treasonable Insurance Regulations 1914 No. 17 of 1914.

The charge was subsequently amended by altering the 176 cases to 170.

The evidence shows the defendant Company had German agents in various ports of China and that they appointed—already having a British firm as agents—a German firm, Telge and Schroeter just before the outbreak of war to be their agents at Hankow, and that these various German agencies were not terminated till January, 1915. A letter was written by the secretary of the defendant Company to Telge and Schroeter on August 11th, 1914, expressing the hope that certain German steamers would escape capture; his explanation is that it is a way of being "nice," and is an expression of hope that his Company—who were interested in the cargoes on those ships—would save their money.

Even allowing that British subjects at that early state of the war had not fully realized the magnitude of the struggle, nor the character or their opponents, I cannot say that it is a letter that should have been written by a British company to Germans then at war with the British Empire.

But the letter July 1st, 1915, is one which calls for much more explanation, and I noticed that no mention of this letter was made by counsel for the defendant Company in his final speech. This letter terminated the agency of Telge & Schroeter and contained words which the Secretary of the company admitted "rather showed the agency may be resumed on the termination of the war," and he added that similar letters had been sent to the other German agents. Be it noted that these letters were written months after the war started and when the nature of the warfare had been fully disclosed.

It is common knowledge that after the war the present bitter commercial struggle will be intensified. Yet here we find a British company proposing to employ as agents, firms of the nation which is the greatest commercial rival in China of their own nation. If other British firms or companies adopt similar tactics, can the future prospects of our trade be viewed with equanimity? I leave the answer to British commercial men in China.

I now turn to the case which is before me for decision, and I propose first to find the facts, and when those are ascertained, to deal with the law to be applied to them.

The facts I find are that Telge and Schroeter, the Hankow agents of the defendant Company, issued the policy; that the bills of lading were in the name of Carlowitz and Co., of Hankow; that the consignee was Townsend Bushmore of New York, a partner in the firm of Carlowitz and Co. at any rate in 1913; that the firm of Carlowitz and Co., has its head office here, and is registered in the German Consulate here; that the cargo left Hankow in the str. Kutwo and Shanghai in the str. Indra, both British steamers; that it was shipped subject to war risk; and that it is the property of Carlowitz and Co.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Patriotism in Jamaica.

There are now eighteen war funds for which subscriptions have been received in the Island of Jamaica. Including the Government gift of sugar, valued at £50,000, a total of nearly £100,000 has been received.

No Chester Races this Year.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chester Race Company, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn in the chair, it was decided that, if the Town Council and the Jockey Club also concurred, there should be no races at Chester this year.

A Notable Billiard Match.

The billiard match of 18,000 points up between M. Inman and H. W. Stevenson, at the Grand Hall, Leicester-square, was finished on February 7, Stevenson winning by 410 points. The scores were:—Stevenson, 18,000; Inman, 17,590.

Health of Bangkok.

According to the return of the Medical Officer of Health, 21 people died of bubonic plague at Bangkok during the week ended 19th February. The number of cases of plague reported for the same period was 23. One person died of cholera on the 13th. There were no deaths from smallpox.

"Sequah" dies Penniless.

Sequah, the most famous itinerant "quack" of the last 30 years, who was reputed to have made and spent an enormous fortune, has died penniless at the age of 72 in a hospital at Johannesburg. He was born in Cornwall, and he was at one time in the London Police Force, but he acquired his stock of knowledge in America.

Johore Electric Lighting.

The contracts for the electric lighting of Johore Bahru, which was placed with the Central Engine Works, Ltd., in July, 1914, has, in spite of considerable difficulty experienced in obtaining materials from England, made such creditable progress that it had been found possible to switch on the light on some of the circuits. Details of the contract, says the *Straits Times*, show that the scheme in general has been well thought out and both from the point of view of appearance, design and workmanship undoubtedly reflects great credit on the sole contractor, the Central Engine Works.

A Hindu Festival.

Allahabad, February 4.—It is estimated there were one million pilgrims present at Allahabad on Thursday which was Ammawas, the most important day of the Magh Mela. The assembly was unexpectedly large, and was the greatest there has been at Allahabad since the occurrence of the Kumbh Mela four years ago. The Maharajah of Kashmir bathed at Sangam on Wednesday morning and the Maharajah of Benares on Thursday morning, the latter arriving in a motor boat. Long trains full of pilgrims were arriving and departing from various railway stations throughout the day.

Singapore Legislative Council Changes.

Within the next few months quite a number of changes will occur in the personnel of the Legislative Council, says the *Straits Times*. The Hon. Sir Evelyn Ellis proceeds Home on retirement in April, the Hon. Robert Young, one of the representatives from Penang, bids farewell to the Colony this spring, Mr. H. W. Firmstone replaces the Hon. J. B. Elcum in the capacity of Director of Education, while the Hon. C. W. Darbishire proposes going on leave shortly. The Treasurer, Mr. A. M. Pountney, is at present on leave, Mr. H. Marriott officiating in the acting appointment, while Mr. C. L. Carver will occupy the seat vacated by the Hon. E. D. Hewan, who has already proceeded Home on holiday. The Hon. W. G. Maxwell, C.M.G., is acting as Colonial Secretary, *vice* Mr. R. J. Wilkinson, C.M.G., who has gone to Sierra Leone as Governor, and pending the arrival of Mr. F. S. James, C.M.G.

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Germany and Coal.

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Late of F.M.S. Service.

Captain A. J. G. Denny, late of the F.M.S. Government Service and now of the 6th Yorks, is O.C., Roads, in Mudros. He was engaged in mining and sapping work at Suvla Bay prior to the evacuation.

Hankow Bandage-Makers.

The Hankow ladies, who are engaged in making bandages for the medical service, have just despatched their third box containing 1,112 roller bandages, besides 100 more special bandages. The first box was sent to Malta and the other two go to London.

Australia and Enemy Trading.

The recently announced regulations prohibiting enemy and naturalized subjects from being shareholders in public companies in Australia, and making the transfer of their shares to the Public Trustee until a year after the war, obligatory, also apply to persons on the London registers of Australian companies.

Big Fire in Tokyo.

Tokyo, Feb. 26.—Fire broke out in Morinaga's confectionery factory in Shiba Ward, probably the largest of its kind in Japan, last evening, and completely destroyed the whole of the buildings and several adjacent dwelling-houses. The financial loss is estimated at Yen 600,000.

American Billiard Champion Visiting Japan.

The famous American billiard player Mr. Hoppe, it is reported, will pay a visit to Japan in April, with Koji Yamada, a Japanese champion now in America, says the *Japan Times*. Mr. Hoppe is a genius of the cue, who, it is said, astonished the American billiard world with his wonderful feats when he was only eleven years old. He made a new world's record recently by scoring 307 points in a balk-line game. He is a young man of 28 years; but he has no match (at the American game) in America or anywhere else. Mr. Yamada, who is to accompany Mr. Hoppe, won one solitary game against the world champion about four years ago; but that has since made him famous.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1916.

THE WAR AND IMPERIAL PROBLEMS.

So far as the adjustment of after-the-war problems is concerned, the Imperial Government and the Dominions have clearly grasped the desirability of taking time by the forelock. Although we do not definitely know the extent to which the Governments of our great Self-Governing Colonies have been sounded on the great issues before us, sufficient has been made public to reveal the fact that the statesmen of the Motherland and of the Dominions are in close touch one with the other, and that there is to be a very real union of all interested when it comes to settling the many questions which spring out of the war. That much is, to quote only one circumstance, very plainly shown from the fact that the Australian Premier is now in England on the express invitation of the Home Government for the specific purpose of discussing war matters. As was previously the case on the occasion of the visit of another Dominion statesman, the meetings of the Cabinet have been thrown open to him, thus further demonstrating the point that the Home Government is prepared to take the daughter States of the Empire into full and complete confidence.

Though none of the Dominions had a word to say as to the origin of the struggle, they have, without exception, rallied to the Mother Country in the hour of supreme crisis, and it has long since been admitted that they have an undeniable right to be consulted as to the settlement, as well as in regard to the future conduct of Imperial policy. The great trial through which the Empire is passing has shown the strength of the bond that unites us. Before the war, there were those who believed that that bond would not bear the strain of a great emergency, but, if the war has proved anything, it is that what has been well termed "the spiritual bond of *common liberty*" is an instrument of union far stronger than any commercial or political treaty ever yet drawn up. Thus it is that Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, and India have gladly shown their willingness to throw their all into the common stock in their determination to crush the foe of liberty and freedom."

We need not wait till the end of the struggle to realise that there are large problems of Empire, both political and commercial, which await solution. With those problems we shall have to come to close grips. Momentous issues will be raised, for its is truer of the relations of the Mother Country and the Dominions than of anything else that things cannot be the same again as they have been in the past. But though the task be a delicate one, calling for the best statesmanship of the Empire, it will be undertaken and carried through on large and comprehensive lines to the satisfaction, we have no doubt, of all who can claim a voice in the vital matters raised. But there must be no delay in adjusting ourselves to the new conditions. That is why the exchange of viewpoints has already begun, though the end of the struggle on land and sea is not yet quite in sight.

An Obstruction.

Chinese are often brought before the local magistrates and fined for causing an obstruction, though sometimes the offence complained of is merely a technical one. But, whatever the obstruction is, we hold that it is the duty of our police to see that the streets are kept free from all hindrances to traffic. There is one instance, however—and one that obtrudes itself so persistently as to become a daily nuisance—that is allowed to go unchecked, and, so far as we know, no efforts have been made to put a stop to it. We refer to the group of Chinese commercial men who gather in the banking portion of Queen's Road and who, right in the middle of the roadway, assemble at about mid-day in large numbers, apparently to discuss business matters. To say that practically the whole road is blocked by them is but to state the truth, and passing rickshas have, as a result, to drop to a walking pace in order to get through. Chinese business men must do their business somewhere, it is admitted, but why they should be allowed to turn this somewhat narrow thoroughfare into something approaching a crowded auction room, we fail to understand. If there is a necessity, as there apparently seems to be, for these gentlemen to assemble at such an hour in a central situation they should seek to provide a building or room wherein they could talk of stocks and shares or anything else they choose, and for any length of time, without being the nuisance they unquestionably are at present. It is up to the police to see that the obstruction is removed.

The East Herts Election.

All readers capable of looking at the war situation, as it concerns the Homeland, with a practical and unprejudiced eye, will rejoice that Mr. Pemberton Billing has been victorious at the bye-election for the East Herts division. The triumph of this well-known airman is not just a party score. On the contrary, the new Member is apparently a non-party man and the score is one in favour of common sense against faddism. Mr. Pemberton Billing "got in" on, presumably, two points: His objection to the wirepullers' over-doing temperance legislation, and his advocacy of reprisals for the Zeppelin outrages and of a generally more efficient air-service. Hertfordshire may be taken as very fairly representative of the political thought of England, for the various parties of voters: agricultural, industrial, etc. are remarkably well balanced; and we may take the election to mean that there is strong feeling against the Coalition's allowing itself to be fooled by the supporters of the temperance craze, as also against the Government's calm readiness to sit down under the dastardly attacks by Zeppelins. The said attacks, according to Mr. Asquith's statement on Saturday, have caused the deaths of 127 non-combatant men, 92 women and 57 children—a pleasing total of 276. We sincerely hope that the Premier and his colleagues will ponder the matter of the East Herts election.

House-rents.

As we recently pointed out, the war has had the effect of sending up rentals in certain districts at Home, but quite recently an Act was passed for the purpose of restoring the pre-war standard. That Act, we are glad to see, is now being enforced. An aged man was brought up at the Marylebone Police Court on a summons by a firm of property-owners to show cause why the magistrate should not grant an ejectment order against him. The old man, it appears, rented a room at 3s. 6d. a week, and because he would not also rent a second room, the landlords told him that he must clear out. The magistrate, however, declined to grant the ejectment order. Circumstances of this kind do not, of course, obtain in Hongkong, but house-rents have been notoriously high in the past—so high, in fact, that the evil has deserved legislative attention. From what we can now hear, however, there is a tendency for rates to fall, and, with the cost of living in other respects decidedly on the the increase, we hope they will continue to decline even further still. There is plenty of margin to work on yet, as every householder knows to his cost.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 58; heavy fog. (1915, 56 clear.)

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 64; dull. (1915, 65 clear.)

The Mails.

European Mail.—(Via Nagapatam).—Due per s.s. Fushimi Maru to-day.

Australian Mail.—Due per s.s. Empire to-morrow.

American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Close per s.s. Shinyo Maru to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Australian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Tango Maru to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Linan to-morrow at 3 p.m.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1-11 5/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 159th anniversary of the shooting of Admiral Sir George Byng.

The Colony's Health.

Last week there were twelve cases of small-pox (nine fatal), five of enteric (four fatal), and three of diphtheria (two fatal) notified in the Colony. All were Chinese save one Indian sufferer from enteric.

Church News.

The Bishop of Victoria will conduct the fortnightly united meeting for Intercession to be held at St. Paul's College to-morrow, Tuesday, at 6 p.m. On Wednesday, March 15, the Bishop will give his Lent Lecture in the private Chapel, St. Paul's College, at 10.45 a.m., the subject being, "Definite convictions on Christian Truths."

Alleged Theft of Seaweed.

At the Police Court this morning, Lam Kan and two others were charged with stealing 120 catties of seaweed valued at $4, the property of Lam Ngan-wan. A sergeant stated that the complainant had collected and bought the seaweed, and placed it out to dry. His wife saw the three defendants go up and steal the stuff. Defendants were discharged.

Concert.

A concert under the kind patronage of Rear-Admiral Anstruther, C.M.G., will be given on Wednesday evening, March 15, in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, commencing at 8.30 p.m. A good programme has been arranged and an enjoyable evening is assured. A very hearty general invitation is given and it is hoped that a large audience will help to make the evening a thorough success. During the evening a collection will be made in aid of the Renovation Fund of the Home.

Bijou Theatre.

There were good week-end houses at the Bijou Theatre when "A Circus Heroine" and "The Outlaw's Bride" were presented. The Three Delroys gave further exhibitions of their juggling skill, which met with universal applause. The management of the Bijou Theatre has secured the celebrated film: "The Extraordinary Adventures of Saturnin Farandoul," which is founded on a novel by A. Robida. The film is 20,000 feet in length and runs into four series, the first of which will be shown at the Bijou next Saturday. The picture is as full as it can be of exciting situations, and is likely to prove an immense attraction.

Opium Covered with Pig Skins.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, a Chinese woman was charged with being in possession of opium valued at $306. Revenue Officer Wildin said the woman was carrying a large tin of vaseline, and also a basket containing several things, including opium, which was covered over with pig skins. A Chinese officer said that when he challenged the woman she ran away, but he caught her. Defendant said a man whom she did not know had given the opium to her. A fine of $3,000, or six months' imprisonment, was imposed.

FROM THE PULPIT.

God's Tolerance of Evil.

Notes of a sermon preached by the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie at the Union Church yesterday morning:—

Text Hab. 1/13. "Thou that art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon perverseness, wherefore holdest Thou Thy peace when the wicked swallowath up the man that is more righteous than he, and makest men as the fishes of the sea, and as creeping things which have no ruler over them? . . . . He sacrificeth unto his net and burneth incense unto his drag, because by them is his portion made fat, and his meat plenteous."

The existing circumstances of the world have made the Bible something like a new book to many. Parts which had seemed to belong to a mouldy past, of which we had lost the key, flash out in vivid bearing upon conditions which fill our minds night and day. We can fully share the intense feeling of this unknown prophet bewildered in the midst of a world given over to spoiling and violence, perplexed that the Holy One of Israel can look on while treachery and brutality lay waste the earth, at the behest of "the man whose might is his god." That is the description applied here to the Chaldeans "that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to possess dwelling places which are not theirs." Force is his deity and only law. By its means he takes up nations for a prey as the fisherman uses his drag net. "Therefore," says Habbakkuk, "he sacrificeth unto his net, and burneth incense unto his drag." We have here the crude worship of materialism, and the whole passage is an extraordinarily close representation of the notion which has plunged the world into war to-day. It has set militarism upon the altar, as the instrument of its desires. "All the other branches of the life of the people," writes Professor Sombart in his book "Hucksters and Heroes" "are subservient to military interests . . . . a spirit before which the foreigner stands as before a miracle." "By means of it," he continues, "we Germans will take as much of the sea and the earth as we need." (He specifies Dover and Malta). "Our Kingdom is of this world. When the German stands leaning on his mighty sword, clad in steel from his sole to his head, whatsoever will, may, down below, dance around his feet, he will not allow himself to be disturbed." Talk of universal peace, he says is "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost of Germanism." Blasphemy such language is, and anywhere else would be counted the talk of a madman. In Germany, however, it is not abnormal, and, whilst we have been setting it aside with a laugh, young Germany has been indoctrinated with the like of it for decades. Before that spirit the foreigner does indeed stand "as before a miracle," a miracle of iniquity and folly, incredulous of the thing proved true, compelled to accept the unbelievable as the reality. It has been proved, not by the words of one man or a hundred, but by the deeds of thousands. Words we might set aside as vapour, but the vapour has filled Zeppelin bags and gas cylinders. There is joy amongst millions when another passenger ship is sunk in the sea or another innocent home has its inmates burnt in their beds at midnight. That some can be found to order and execute such deeds, is miracle enough, but that a nation should rejoice in them is indeed a portent, and that is the fact we have to face. In the devastated countries things have been done by the thousands which it defiles the mind to read about, and mercifully, exceeds its capacity to imagine. Neither are these things done in ignorance. They are done in deliberate arrogance of race, in a studied exuberance of contempt for whatever is not German. The case is founded on sifted evidence and scrupulous investigations. No man who goes through it can possibly express his feelings about it. "I have been re-reading it," said the preacher, "and an almost physical nausea accompanies the horrible duty." Here in the awful perilous security of this remote island Colony we dare not overlook what Europe has really to face from the calculated non-morality of Prussian militarism. We cannot for our souls' sake afford to be distant lookers-on at what is almost certainly the most critical struggle in the moral evolution of the human race so far as the life of nations expresses that. The broad issue is whether the inhumanities which we had thought belonged to the barbarous past are to be the deliberate policy of civilised scientific society in future ages. The alternatives are humanity or frightfulness—frightful word, which could only have been coined in a country whose might is its god. Juggernaut, Moloch, Kali, the worst of heathen abominations are summed up in it. It is quite literally anti-Christ, for the Christian revelation, lived and written, reads "God is love".

God is love—had the great words grown easy to us? Had the tremendous assertion they enshrine come to be lightly held, half indifferently assumed, rather than held or holding us? Not so are we permitted to retain possession of great truths. To-day as of old, the evil happenings which wring our hearts also try our faith. It presses the more the finer is the conception of God. The brutal nature is exempt from trials of spirit which press upon those of finer mould. He has eliminated moral scruples from his life, and with them moral problems from his mind.

All the Chaldean is concerned about, is hacking his way through, but the Hebrew prophet, acknowledging a holy God wonders how that God can bear as He does with impunity. You cannot doubt God if you have no God to doubt. The spiritual struggle is not the reverse of faith, but the obverse of it; not its negation, but the effort by which it attains a larger growth. Nothing in my age has tried the faith of good men more than God's tolerance of evil in the world which he has made and cannot intend to be the happy hunting ground of sin. But we know that it is God's tolerance and must be the vehicle of good, though not upon the surface. One thing the prophet there did see, which was that the oppression was permitted as the instrument of Chastisment. But that function was discharged with such an overplus of wickedness as to raise in itself a further problem. Sinful nations might need correction, but the Chaldean was himself worse than they. Well, all sin is not equally heinous, but we are on very unsure ground when we begin to assess its differing degrees. And it is not for men, themselves in need of God's forbearance, to say when that is going too far in the case of other men.

When God's time comes His rod will not fail to smite, and quite likely when that time does arrive, and it is seen how fearful a thing it is to fall into His hand, the very voices which now complain of God's forbearance will be charging Him with harshness. Our root difficulty with God's ways is just that they are not ours, either in their goodness or their severity. What we do know, and are sure of, is that His goodness is meant to lead sinners to repentance, and who are we to limit His day of grace in the case of other men, however revolting their offences in our eyes? In Christ we can go beyond this point and see in His Cross the final proof that the Holy One is not to be charged with indifference to wrong even by a hair's breadth. For there we behold the very mystery of love in that He Who did no sin, became sin for us, yea, "bore our sins in His own body up to the tree." There stands in the midst of our wayward world the man of God's choice, Who is destined to be the guide and lodestar of the future—not a mailclad warrior leaning on His mighty sword with conquered inferiors below at his feet, but One Who, lifted up from the earth in shame, will yet draw all men unto Himself. And as they look on Him Whom they have pierced, may it not be in His infinite mercy that the blessing of a broken heart may come even to those Who in ruthless arrogance and idolatry of might made victims of yonder slaughtered innocents? Oh, the unfathomable shame, the self loathing and condemnation of the man who, in the course of time, or over in eternity, comes to understand that, inasmuch as he did wrong unto the least of Christ's brethren, he did it unto Him!

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

In view of the reports from the Western front during the past week or so, the *Manila Bulletin's* headline: "German Losses in Battle of Verdun Unusually Light" strikes quite a refreshing note of variety.

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Among the foregone conclusions in which newspaper men persist in indulging, is the *Singapore Free Press'* statement: "Scotland evades the No Treating Order." We ken'd fine she would. Scotland forever!

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Our only objection to the recent statement: "All the subsidiary gold coin should be of nickel" is that it is a little too much in the line of "the next song will be a dance."

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To-day's Anniversary.—A reader with a grievance and a memory points out that it is just twelve months ago to-day since any alteration was made in the Hongkong market prices!

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"Terschelling is an island in the North Sea."—How smooth the path of the newspaper-reader is made for him nowadays!

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"The *Telegraaf* learns that, this week, all the ham and beef shops in Brussels will be shut, owing to the difficulty in obtaining pigs."—This is the very first intimation that Hongkong has had of the German evacuation of Belgium.

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"Disabled soldier wanted for Rhodesian mine; essential he be a gentleman, well educated; salary £240. Duties: stenographer, typist, private secretarial work. State complete life record and give reference Apply Box—." (*Times.*)—And all for two hundred dollars Mex. a month! Who wouldn't be a disabled soldier with a life record?

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An enthusiastic but tired Police Reservist is keen to do any work on behalf of his corps that can be done riding in a rickshs. Also should a chair corps be meditated he has no objection to joining it.

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"Greek boys are being paid one franc a day by the authorities," says the *Manchester Guardian*, "for collecting stones which are used in road-making. They are in charge of a British private who shouts his orders in English and seems to have no difficulty in making himself understood."—This last statement we can well believe. Tommy's vocabulary is not infrequently of the sort that is understood the wide world over.

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From the statement in this morning's wires to the effect that Mr. Winston Churchill has returned to the House of Commons, we infer that he is as much a prophet without honour in France as he is in his own country, and is wanted as little in the one as in the other.

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Reuter day by day.—"A political crisis in Athens is considered imminent."

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It isn't often that *Truth* is caught off its guard, but what about "Because such a committee would upset the scratchbackers' apple carts."?

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"Professor Boothroyd expressed pity for the fate of those who live in Mars, the planet nearest the earth."—*Because* of its nearness to the earth?

Chinese Dinner.

Messrs. Getz Bros. and Co. are giving a dinner in honour of its president, Mr. Louis Getz, of San Francisco, and its many Chinese friends and customers in Hongkong, at the Tung Tin Hotel, West Point, to-night.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE.

R.G.A. v. Club.

The Club were able only to raise a scratch team in their match against the gunners for the United Service League honours on Saturday afternoon. More than that, they were a man short for part of the game, Croucher having to go off the field. Despite these facts, however, they gave a good account of themselves, and, for more than once, set the gunners' defence thinking hard. Croucher looked like scoring at the early stage of the game, having a fine opening, but he most unfortunately failed to put on the "finishing touch," and the gunners had only to congratulate themselves on their good fortune. The leather was then taken to midfield, both teams playing hard for the opening score, which, after a well-combined attack on the part of the gunners' forward line, was secured through a fine shot from Swan, giving Goldenberg little chance of clearing. Play was then well balanced, and the half-time whistle found the score unaltered.

On resuming, both sides played hard, the Club being keen on an equaliser, while the gunners strove to increase their lead, but hard luck prevailed on both sides. The Club forwards were "nipped in the bud" every time they attacked, while Dickie and Railton, the Club's backs, proved themselves equally determined, and blocked many fine attacks which looked particularly dangerous. The final whistle found the Club the unhappy losers by one goal to love. The Club forwards are gradually realising the value of combination, though Saturday's game showed that they were rather inclined to over-do it.

R. E. v. Shropshires.

In this match, which was played on the Naval ground, both teams showed determination from the start, and a good game was witnessed by a large gathering of military spectators. After several good attempts on both sides, the game ended in a goalless draw.

SECOND DIVISION HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Shropshires v. St. Joseph's College.

The Collegians had a most unfortunate experience in their match with the Shropshires, suffering defeat to the tune of 4 goals to 1, although it must be said that one of the goals was scored by Cordeiro, the Collegians' right back, who, in the course of a dangerous attack, most unfortunately miscalculated his kick, and lodged the leather into the net, giving Omar no chance.

Diocesans v. Confucians.

This match, played on the Club ground, ended in a win for the Chinese by 2 goals to 1, the School, as usual, taking the defeat most sportingly.

Islamics v. Dock Juniors.

The Dock Juniors were most unfortunately disappointed in what they looked forward to, as a a good match, being awarded the points of the game without having the chance of meeting the Islamics, who failed to turn up.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

March	1	... ... Tons	176
"	2	... ... "	163
"	3	... ... "	177
"	4	... ... "	181
"	5	... ... "	177
"	6	... ... "	176
"	7	... ... "	172
"	8	... ... "	173
"	9	... ... "	148
"	10	... ... "	156
"	11	... ... "	153
"	12	... ... "	169
Total to 12th inst.			2,026
Daily average			168.83

THE A. D. C.

Final Performance of "The Angel in the House."

The third performance of "The Angel in the House" by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club took place in the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening, and once again delighted those who attended. There was not a very full "house," but the audience was appreciative and the whole thing went with a swing that in itself meant success.

As was only to be expected, the performers were seen to even better advantage than in the two previous presentations, and the performance had more of that essential realism infused into it, the absence of which so often detracts from amateur efforts. The play teems with subtle sarcasm and wit, and at Saturday's presentation, the finest of these delicate points were made apparent and greatly enjoyed by the audience, who frequently laughed with a spontaneity that spoke of real appreciation. Without exception, the performers rendered their respective roles in admirable style. Appearing for the first time as Lallie Bindloss, Miss Phoebe May was a distinct success, a fact that the audience were not slow to demonstrate.

The staging was again excellent and the greatest credit reflects on Mr. W. Sinclair for the way in which he has produced what is no doubt a most difficult piece. Pleasing service was again rendered by the orchestra. Taking the three presentations as a whole, the Club are to be complimented on again providing such pleasureable entertainment for residents, who are for the most part of the year without opportunities to enjoy such things.

At the conclusion of the performance, several beautiful bouquets were presented to the lady members of the cast.

Among those present were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.) who was accompanied by Lady May and the Misses May.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Another Reported Attempt to seize a Gunboat.

It is reported among the Hongkong Chinese that an attempt was made on Saturday, to seize a Chinese gunboat near Shun Tak, which is about midway between the Chino-British frontier and Canton.

Apparently the tactics pursued by the offenders were similar to those recently reported in the Sai Wo case—and met with as little success. It is also stated that, on this occasion, there was a more marked prevalence of the ruffian and pirate element among the attackers—a fact which, according to some of the Chinese here, will help to damn the cause of the "reformers." Indeed, there is a general idea in the Colony that any sympathy which local Chinese may originally have had with the anti-Yuan party has been killed by this employment of known bad characters in connection with the attempted revolution.

THE FULL COURT CASE.

The sixth day of the hearing of the appeal against the order of the Chief Justice for the winding up of the Yue Hing Company, opium dealers, of Jervois Street, opened this morning before Sir Havilland de Sausmarez (H.B.M.'s Judge at Shanghai) and Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge) sitting in Full Court.

The Counsel engaged in the case are Mr. G. C. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter, for the appellant Company, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the respondent.

Mr. Sharp continued to address the Court, answering the point raised by the appellants that the proper course to have taken to get the Company wound up would not have been by petition but by an action by one of the shareholders. That point, he argued, was wholly irrelevant to the question before their Lordships.

The case was further adjourned.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. Nikko Maru from Manila on 11th March.—

Brown Master D	Hedemann Mr &
Brown Miss M W	Mrs C
Brown Mr & Mrs P	Jacobson L A
Cairns J W	Kosakavsky Miss M
Callahan D W	Livingstone D D
Cramp H H	Morse J P
Darrinos Mrs E D	Pastor J E F
Davenport Dr H	Peters G G
Drury Mr & Mrs D	Putnam L E
Duffy Mr & Mrs	Rubio J
Fay H V V	Tait S

Per ss. Haitan from Foochow on 12th March.—

Bond Miss	Hamvente F J
Carvalho Mr C C	Joseland Mrs
Ferment T B G	Plummer J S

Per ss. Hongkong from Haiphong on 12th March—

Bowring Mr & Mrs	Salle R
Offenhause	Verniol
Ponchat	

Per ss. Itola from Calcutta on 12 March.—

Goodman Miss Y	Ryan J
Jones Rev & Mrs	Tyler W B
Rivenburg Rev & Mrs	Togojee A

Per ss. St. Albans from Kobe on 13th March.—

Ball Mr P	Sutton Mr J B
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Insurance Company Report.

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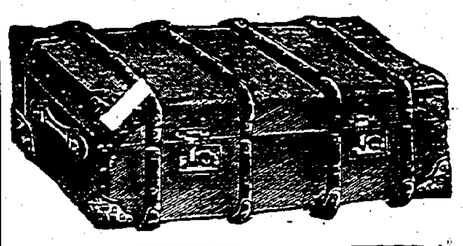

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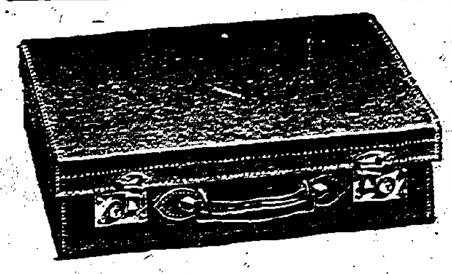

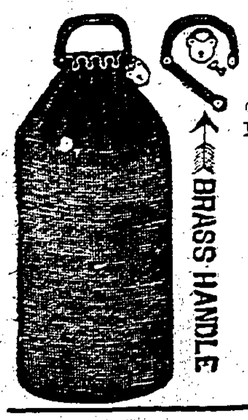

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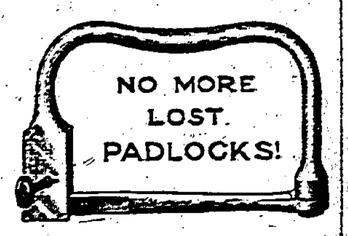

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Tjimanoek*	BATAVIA	23rd Mar.	.....	.....
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S'PORE, P'ang & C'cutta	Fooshing	Wed.,	15th Mar. at 3 p.m.
S'PORE, P'ang & C'cutta	Suisang	Thur.,	16th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang‡	Fri.,	17th Mar. at noon
MANILA	Yuensang*	Sat.,	18th Mar. at 3 p.m.
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On the expiration of her present charter to Hingwha on March 15, it is understood, says *Shipping and Engineering* that the Hoong On s.s. Yungshin will take up a new charter between Hongkong and Singapore at $12,000 per month, the charterers to provide bunker coal.

The Hakata Maru Ashore.

The N.Y.K. Bombay line Hakata Maru, 6,421 tons, went ashore on a shoal off the Uraga forts in Tokyo Bay, during a fog, on February 22 and remained fast. Tugs and a salvage steamer were sent to her assistance and she was successfully refloated with the assistance of the company's s.s. Omi Maru, without apparent damage and proceeded, under her own steam, to Yokohama, where she was docked for inspection.

Insurance of Seamen's Effects.

The Board of Trade has reminded the Imperial Merchant Service Guild that certificates of insurance under the Government scheme against loss of seamen's effects by war risks only remain in force for 12 calendar months. Also, it was suggested, that the Guild might advise its members to renew their certificates for a further 12 months before going to sea when there is a possibility that the certificates may expire before the holder returns to England. The scheme of insurance was inaugurated a year ago.

The New Shipping Board.

London, February 1.—The freight market of the moment is the Eastern, where rates for grain and rice have been advancing daily. There was yesterday a further rise of 10s. to £11 per ton in the freight to bring rice from Saigon to Europe. Shipowners fully expect that their business will be facilitated by the creation of the new Board, which was appointed at the end of last week. Cases have been known in which owners have been referred from the Transport Department of the Admiralty to one of the various committees which have been in existence, then referred to other bodies, and finally referred back to the Transport Department. Their particular business appeared to be the business of no department or committee. It is believed that the new Board will be able to deal with all important matters where a broad view is needed. Its appointment was very modestly announced by Mr. Runciman, and in deference to the numerous other committees, there may be official hesitation to describe the new Board as an overriding body. But there is no doubt that the presence of a member of the Cabinet on the Board places it in a different position from the other committees.

Sydney Harbour Collision—Judgment.

Judgment has been given by Mr. Justice Street in the Sydney (N.S.W.) Admiralty Court in suits brought by the Calcliff Collieries, Ltd., and the Hazelwood Steamship Company against the owners of the steamer Saros, the suits having been heard together. The former plaintiffs claimed 2500l. for damage done to the steamer Southborough, and the latter 2080l. for damage done to the collier Herga in collisions that took place off the Sow and Pigs in Sydney harbour on June 22 between the Saros and Herga, and the Herga and the Southborough. His Honour held that the Saros was in fault as the overtaking vessel, and was responsible for the damage to the Herga, which, after the collision with the Saros, was thrown in collision with the Southborough. The Herga, too, was at fault in some respects. No fault attached to the Southborough. He ordered an inquiry by the Registrar to ascertain the damage sustained by the Southborough, and that the amount ascertained should be paid by the owners of the Saros. With regard to the Herga, His Honour ordered a similar inquiry by the Registrar in this case also, and the owners of the Saros were ordered to pay one-half the amount of the ascertained damage to the Herga. No costs were allowed in either of the cases.

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HONGKONG: MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1916.

TELEGRAMS.

FRANCO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 12, 6.25 p.m.

A Franco-Italian Agreement has been signed whereby Italy abandons the privileges of the Capitulations in the French zone in Morocco.

GERMAN AEROPLANE LOSSES.

March 12, 6.25 p.m.

An official Paris statement says that the French felled 11 German aeroplanes in February, and only lost six, of which four were lost by reason of engine defects and two in fighting.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO PORTUGAL.

March 12, 6.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon says that the Minister for Foreign Affairs announced in Parliament that the seizures of German ships were made with the knowledge of Britain, which made representations based on the Alliance.

CANTON NEWS.

(*From Our Own Correspondent.*)

Fatshan Taking Flood Precautions.

Canton, March 11, 1916.

Last Wednesday, a meeting of the merchants of Fatshan was held and it was decided to raise a fund sufficient to repair the dykes and raise all street levels two or more feet. Approval was unanimous and all work will be pushed to completion as quickly as possible, as another flood is predicted for this summer.

A Watchman Who Needs a Guard.

On the 9th inst., one of the watchmen at the residence of Mrs. Choi Nai-wong went into Mr. Wong's private garden to spend his rest time. As he was loitering near a pond where gold fish were playing in the water and leaping into the air, he suddenly drew his pistol and shot at a fish. He missed his mark, and the bullet, glancing from a rock, struck the head of a chair coolie. The wounded man was conveyed to a hospital where he is reported to be dying.

Police Station for Tai Sha Tau.

The eastern end of Tai Sha Tau island has, until recently, been nothing but an anchorge ground for boat people. A short time ago merchants began building and improving the place and the boat people were compelled to seek new quarters. On account of its harbourage and its comparative isolation, it has been decided to establish a police station there. The Chief-of-Police has been ordered by the Governor to select a site and begin work without delay.

Arrival of Administrator Lung.

On the 9th inst. General Lung received a telegram from his elder brother, Administrator Lung Yee-kwong, to the effect that the latter was on his way from Shanghai to see General Lung on important Governmental business. General Lung at once sent his son to meet the distinguished guest in Hongkong and they arrived in Canton on the 10th, where they are lodged on Kwan Yam Hill.

Gambling Houses Closed Again.

The gambling fraternity in Canton can hardly find a more uncertain proposition upon which to stake their shekels than their own sporting chances, day by day. During the administration of the temporary Governor Lung, permission was given them to re-open. Within a day, the business was in full swing. But when, in course of time, the matter was brought to the attention of the Central authorities, a peremptory telegram to Governor Chaung resulted in the sudden closure of these places again, about two days ago.

Chief-of-Police Resign.

On the 10th inst. the Chief-of-Police, Mr. Wong Kwong-ling, and the Chief-of-Water-Police, Mr. Choi Chuen-how, tendered their resignations, alleging as their reason, their inability to preserve order. At once the Commercial Club and the Educational Association sent petitions to the Governor begging him not to accept the resignations, as these officials had done their work better than any of their predecessors for many years. The Governor accordingly refused to allow them to vacate their posts.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state:—

Platoon Parades.

Monday March 13th:—No. 1 Co. (1) and No. 2 Co. (4) at C. No. 2 Co. (1 & 2) at J.

Tuesday March 14th:—No. 1 Co. (3 and 4) at C. No. 2 Co. (3) at J. No. 1 Co. (2) at W.

Wednesday March 15th:—No. 3 Co. (2) & No. 2 Co. (4) at C.

Thursday March 16th:—No. 3 Co. (1 & 3) at C.

Friday March 17th:—No. 1 Co. (1) & No. 3 Co. (4) at C.

Parades at C. & J. at 5.30 p.m. at W. 5.45 p.m.

C=Central. W=Water Police. J=St. Joseph's College.

Drill Cup.

At Central on Saturday, March 18th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Uniform, Caps and Covers, Rifles and Ammunition. Team Commanders wear Helmets and Spikes.

Mounted Patrols.

Riding Master Gegg, whilst attached to the Police Reserve, will hold the temporary rank of Inspector.

Sergeant Major Roylance will retain his rank whenever doing duty with the Mounted Patrols, and will rank same as a Chief Inspector.

Prison for Prevaricator.

This morning, the case was resumed of a Chinese, who, on Saturday, declared that a piece of wood, which it was alleged he had stolen, was pushed into his hands by a constable who made him carry it, because he (the constable) wanted a medal. Defendant now said the constable did not make him carry it. Mr. Hazeland sent him to prison for 14 days.

A Double Charge.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, C. Burnet, Second Officer s.s. Indraghiri, charged an unemployed Chinese with unlawfully being on board the steamer without permission. Defendant was also charged with unlawfully, for the purpose of preventing seizure, throwing into the Harbour a brass door handle, the property of the said ship. The case was adjourned until Tuesday the 15th instant.

COMPANY REPORT.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-second ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday, March 12, at 11.30 a.m., is as follows:—

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 31st December, 1915.

The balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account after allowing for the interim dividend of $60,000 paid in September last is $245,074.94 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:

To place to Reserve Fund ...	$80,000.00
To pay a final Dividend of $1.00 per share.	60,000.00
To pay a bonus of $1.00 per share ...	60,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff at Factory... ...	3,210.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account ...	41,864.94

The investment in Green Island Cement Co.'s shares has been written up to $8.00 per share, and the resulting appreciation ($30,000.00) transferred to Reserve Fund raising it to $70,000.00.

If the above appropriation is agreed to, it will be necessary to first alter the Company's Articles of Association in order to take power to pay the Bonus to Shareholders, and meetings for that purpose will be duly convened.

The bonus will therefore not be payable until after the confirmatory meeting.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. G. W. Barton resigned on leaving the Colony and Mr. H. P. White was invited to take his place on the Consulting Committee.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. D. W. Craddock, Dr. J. W. Noble and Mr. H. P. White retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith, the latter filling the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin. Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith are eligible for reappointment.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1916.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDER.

Order No. 24, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., state:—

Detail.

On duty till the morning of Friday the 17th instant "A" Co. Orderly Officer—Lieut. J. O. Hughes.

Parade for Tuesday the 14th inst. "B" Co. Dress: drill order. Kowloon Dock and Taikoo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Remainder on the road outside the Law Courts at 5.15 p.m.

Posting.

Pte. W. G. Baker, having joined, is allotted Corps No. 594 and posted to Co. "A" Sec. 4.

Pte. W. Johnson, having joined, is allotted Corps No. 595 and posted to Co. "A" Sec. 4.

Reversion.

Sergt. W. H. Prowse reverts to the ranks at his own request.

Notice.

Before the parade "A" Co. on Friday, the 17th inst. it is proposed to have "A" Co. (Old Organisation) photographed at 4.45 p.m. All members of "A" Co. (Old Organisation) are particularly requested to attend at that time.

Returned from Home.

Mr. James Walker, Mr. G. W. Barton, and Mr. K. M. Cumming, returned from Home to the Colony to-day on the Fushimi Maru.

DUE.

Date Due.	From.
Mar. 13	Yokohama
Mar. 13	Liverpool
Mar. 14	Yokohama
Mar. 14	Moji
Mar. 14	London
Mar. 14	Australia
Mar. 15	London
Mar. 15	Calcutta
Mar. 16	Liverpool
Mar. 16	Seattle
Mar. 20	London
Mar. 20	Batavia
Mar. 21	San Francisco
Mar. 21	Yokohama
Mar. 21	Calcutta
Mar. 22	Yokohama
Mar. 22	Bombay
Mar. 23	Batavia
Mar. 24	London
Mar 24	Yokohama
Mar. 24	Makassar
Mar. 25	Liverpool
Mar. 25	Kobe
Mar. 26	America
Mar. 28	Manila
Mar. 28	Yokohama
Mar. 28	Calcutta
Mar. 30	Yokohama
Apr. 1	Liverpool
Apr. 4	Liverpool
Apr. 4	Kobe
Apr. 5	Yokohama
Apr. 6	Liverpool
Apr. 6	Australia
Apr. 7	Java
Apr. 9	Australia
Apr. 10	Seattle
Apr. 13	Yokohama
Apr. 22	Manila
Apr. 27	Liverpool
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Report of the Committee for Last Year.

The report of the Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, 1915, is as follows:—

The position of affairs at the end of the year is far more satisfactory than we had dared to hope. The demands of the Great War led to the withdrawal of large numbers of Service men from the Colony, and many who frequented the Home have already laid down their lives on the battlefields of the West. In the early months of the year the possibility of closing the Home was seriously discussed; but we are glad to say that under the efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. Molson, we have been able to carry on and to finish up the year with a small balance in hand. All the activities of the Home have been maintained. The refreshment bar and billiard room, reading room and concert room, bedrooms and cabins, have all been kept open, and all the services of the Home have been at the disposal of the men as in former years. The figures are necessarily smaller than in preceding years; but some indication of the extent to which the place has been used is found in the facts that during the year, over 3,000 men have slept in the Home and that takings, at the refreshment bar total 6,400 dollars. Meetings of the S.C.A. have been suspended for the time being, but other meetings have been continued with success. During the summer months a series of concerts was held and several launch picnics were run from the Home as a base.

We are again indebted to H.E. Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., for his kindly interest in the Home. Through his representation, the Crown Rent of the site has been reduced from $400 to $100 for the period of the War. In November, His Excellency arranged a very successful and enjoyable concert in aid of the new piano fund. The amount raised by collection, more than covered the deficiency in that fund. We are also indebted to the Trustees of the Whampoa Bethel Fund for their annual donation of $360 to the funds of the Home.

The Aim of the Home.

The aim and method of the House may be set forth in a few words. The work has now been carried on with success for fifteen years, and the object now before us is the one with which the work commenced.

The aim is to provide the maximum of service at as small a cost to the men as possible. We do not seek to pauperise; apart from extraordinary expenses, we aim at running the place on self-supporting lines. Generous assistance by the Navy and Army Authorities and by friends in the Colony has often been accorded us; but the ordinary running expenses have always been met by the contributions of the men in His Majesty's Services. We seek to provide a social centre for the men—a centre which on the one hand is free from the many degrading influences abounding in Hongkong; and which, on the other hand, is associated with morally uplifting influences. We aim at helping the men to run straight and keep clean. No pressure is brought to bear on any man in regard to religious meetings; and men may use the Home as much or as little as they like. The Home is run as a strictly Temperance Institution and is under the control of a Committee composed of Navy, Army, and civilian elements. No denominational emphasis whatsoever is made.

Prospects for the Year.

For reasons of health, Mr. and Mrs. Molson, who have been in the Home for over four years as managers, will be leaving the Colony, in March next. During this time, the Home has been very efficiently managed in every respect. Arrangements are being made locally for the continuance of the work; and we are hoping that continued success will be secured. At a time like this it is impossible to secure efficient managers from home. All the activities and generosities of the friends at home are fully taken up with the purposes of Homes and Huts and Social Centres for the huge numbers of the men of our Citizen Army. Rightly so, the emphasis is there and not here. Though so reduced in numbers, the needs of the men here are the same; and every effort must be made to provide the same facilities as heretofore. Our immediate aim is to keep the Home open and in efficient order; and we have every confidence that, if need should arise, we may rely on the generosity of friends in the Colony who are interested in the welfare of Service men.

The Committee is comprised of the following:—President, Rev. T. Robinson; Navy, Commander K. H. B. Gibson, R.N., Asst. J. Mitchelmore, Ch. Car. R.N., Gordon Banks, Signalman, R.N.; Army, Lieut. W. D. Roberts K.S.L.I., Staff Sergeant Bisset, R.E., Corporal Evans, R.A.M.C.; Civilian, Messrs. C. Lanchman, H. Edmonds and R. J. Stevenson. Hon. Sec., Corporal Evans, R.A.M.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., Staff:—

Leave.

Lc.-Corpl. W. Brown is granted leave of absence from 31.5.16 to 11.9.16.

Sapper J. Tevnan is granted leave of absence from 1.4.16 to 1.4.17.

Sapper A. G. Warren is granted leave of absence from 1.6.16 to 9.9.16.

Resignation.

No. 1759 Lc.-Cpl. T. Young is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 11.3.16.

Belchers Section.

Drills, all members, 7.30 a.m. on Tuesday 14th, Thursday 16th, and Friday 17th instant.

Sub-calibre practice at stonecutters on Sunday, 19th inst. Parade at Blake Pier at 8.15 a.m. Uniform, Khaki drill tunic and shorts, putties, black boots, coat and cap.

Musketry.

Musketry, Part II (Standard Test), for all Trained men and Recruits who have not fired it this season, will be carrid out at King's Park Range as follows:—Wednesday, 15th instant—at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, 18th instant—at 2.30 p.m.

O. Cs. concerned will see that every member of their Co. or Section, who has not completed his Musketry Course this season, fires on one of the above dates. Corpl. Grimes R.E. will attend. Uniform (Drill order) to be worn.

Parades.

Parades for Tuesday, 14th instant.

7.00 a.m.—Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15.—Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

5.10 p.m. Centre Section M.G. Co.—Inspector of arms, ammunition, equipment and uniform at Kowloon Docks. Launch leaves Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m. Dress, etc. Khaki drill jacket and shorts, great coat (rolled), putties, black boots, cap, rifle, sidearms, bandolier, belt, four pouches, 150 rounds ball ammunition, haversack and waterbottle.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Subsections Arty. Batty. (as detailed in Corps order No. 4 dated 30.12.15) 10-pdr. gun, drill at Headquarters. Sergt. Bradley R.G.A. will attend.

5.15 p.m. Right Section M.G. Co. Section drill and Musketry exercises on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Left Section M.G. Co.—Machine Gun instruction at Headquarters, (not on Kennedy Road Range, as last week).

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units—Squad drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters under S. H. Higby and one N.C.O. from Right Sec. M.G.Co.

5.15. Stretcher Bearer Section—Instruction at Headquarters.

Detail.

On duty until 17th instant—H.K.V.R.

Notice.

United Service Hockey Leagus.—The following have been selected to represent the Corps in a match v Royal Engineers at Happy Valley on Tuesday, March 14:—Lc.-Cpls. Vivesah and Edmonds. Ptes. Sara, R. Johnson, Hamilton, Mitchell, Brayshay, Brand Dyer-Ball, Sim, Evans. Bully off 4.45 sharp. Play in white.

DAY BY DAY.

Police Cases.

For stealing $9.20 from the person of a compatriot, a Chinese was to-day sentenced to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks. For unlawfully pawning a raincoat and an umbrella, a Chinese was sent to prison for six weeks on each charge.

Drunken Chinese.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, Lam Yan was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner whilst drunk in Hill Road. Inspector Sullivan said the man was chasing everybody up and down the street. He was also very disorderly at the Police Station. A fine of $5, or 14 days, was imposed.

Banishee's Denial.

Leung Wim, of Second Street, was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with returning from banishment after having been banished for ten years. He was found in Queen's Road West. Defendant denied that he was the man against whom the order was made. The case was remanded for a week.

Insufficient Evidence.

On a charge of stealing a piece of lead, Cheung Fat was discharged by Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning. Inspector Sullivan said a constable saw a truck in the street, laden with bars of lead, and the defendant took a piece off while the owner was in the shop. The evidence was considered insufficient.

Opium Round His Legs.

Revenue Officer Wilkie charged a Chinese, before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of five taels of opium. It was stated that the man had made bags and had tied them round his legs, with the opium inside. The opium was valued at $134. Defendant was fined $1,300, or three months' imprisonment.

A Lenient View.

The adjourned case of the Chinese woman charged with being in possession of a brass pipe, which was remanded until to-day in order that she should have time to bury her husband, was continued this morning. Defendant said her husband was a marine store dealer, and was ill when some coolies brought the pipe to sell to him. She was out at the time buying some medicine tea. Inspector Sim said defendant's husband told him he paid the coolies $4.60 for it. The defendant was bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

A Peculiar Case.

A rickshaw coolie was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with driving a rickshaw without having a licence. Defendant produced a licence, and said he did not understand the Indian constable, and so told him he had no licence. It was pointed out that the name on the paper was not the name of the defendant. Defendant said that was his name; he had given the wrong name. Inspector Kent said the document was a temporary licence, issued pending the production of required photographs. The man should also have had a chop on his arm: Defendant pulled up the sleeve of his coat and showed the Government brand. A discharge was ordered.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Division I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Goals. P.
K.S.L.I.	7	3	0	4	8	4	10
R.E.	7	3	2	2	4	4	8
R.G.A.	5	3	2	0	3	3	6
H.K.V.C.	5	1	2	2	4	3	4
Navy	6	1	5	0	4	9	2

ARRIVED.

Fushimi Maru, Jap. s.s. 6,372, T. Iriawa, 13th March—S'pore, Gen.—N. Y. K.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Fushimi Maru from Singapore on 13th March—

Barton J W	Jamieson M
Beckingsale	Kaba Mr & Mrs
Boohman	Kolthoff
Burr Mr & Mrs	Lambert
Cameron Miss	MacLeish Miss
Caffera	Mulder
Cumming	Nuttal
Dickson	Partington
Fenwick Mr & Mrs	Reuters Mr & Mrs
Forinshi S	Walker J
Gordon	Yamauchi Y
Kemp	

SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Unions.		$957.00.
Yangtsze.	n.	$200.00.
Indos-(Comb.).		$182.50.
Indos-(Def.).	b.	$134.50.
Indos-(Pref.).	s.	$ 48.00.
Lemons.	n.	$ 44.00.
Tronohs.	b.	30/-
Urals.	b.	35/-
S'hai Docks.	b.	T 65.75.
West Points.	s.	$ 87.00.
Ewos.	b.	$150.00.
Kung Yiks	b.	$ 14.00.
S'hai Cottons.	b.	T 92.00.
Yangtszepoos.	b.	T 6.00.
Cements.	s.	$ 10.15.
Ropes.	b.	$ 40.00.
Trams.	b.	$ 5.70.
Langkats.	b.	T 38.00.

DAY BY DAY.

Mendicant Nuisance.

A man named Chan Hing was to-day fined $5, or seven days, for begging near the Central Market.

Student Victim of Theft.

A report has been made to the police by a student living at 105, Queen's Road Central, that he has been the victim of a theft of jewellery, valued at $280, as well as $18 in money, and a suit of clothing.

In the Cathedral Grounds.

Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with gambling in the Catholic Cathedral compound, Glenealy, Caine Road. A fine of $3, or seven days, was passed.

Master Mariner's Loss.

A complaint has been lodged with the Police by a master mariner named Thomas Cook who alleges that a rickshaw coolie, driving, he believes, rickshaw No. 359, has robbed him of $5. Complainant admits that he has only a hazy idea of what occurred.

Alleged Theft of Packing Case.

A Chinese named Li Ching was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a packing case from Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. Mr. Davidson appeared to defend. It was stated that defendant was seen by an Indian watchman carrying the case with another man, who had run away to evade capture. He pleaded that a man had sold him the box. Sergeant Wills said no-one seemed to know defendant. He had a badly bruised eye and said the Indians had punched him, but they said he had fallen down. The man was discharged.

A Cool Attempted Burglary.

Ng Kon was charged before Mr. Haseland, at the Police Court this morning, with attempting to enter No. 78, Queen's Road East, by means of cutting the staircase partition with intent to commit a felony. Inspector Sim said the occupier of the house heard a scratching noise at 3 a.m. and, getting up, found that an attempt was being made to get through the partition into the house. At first the occupants thought it was a European soldier or sailor drunk, but later they found defendant there. He lived about ten doors away. Defendant was sent to prison for a month.

A Mean Theft.

A particularly mean theft was laid at the door of a Chinese named Yan Kwai, who was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Wood, with stealing a bag containing a $5 roll. Inspector Kent said there had been a fire at complainant's house in Cage Street, and she was removing what few possessions she had, when she took hold of a bag containing the money. This had been partly burned and the money fell on the ground. Defendant grabbed a handful and ran away. An Indian constable caught him and found $1.70 in his hand in ten-cent pieces. Defendant denied the charge and said the constable stood there and deliberately asked the woman for some coins so that he could charge him. Sentence of a month's imprisonment, with four hours' stocks, was passed.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE ITALIANS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 11, 4.50 p.m.

A Rome communique says that snowfalls, avalanches in the mountains, torrential rains and the inundations of the plains have not prevented the Italians continuing the offensive at various points, causing the enemy to send large forces into the trenches which were then effectively shelled.

THE RUSSIANS.

March 11, 4.50 a.m.

A Petrograd communique says that there has been an attack by considerable enemy forces east of Kosloff on the Upper Stryps, but this has been repulsed with great enemy losses.

SUCCESSFUL EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

March 10, 5.35 p.m.

The War Office announces that General South reports that after the occupation of Chala yesterday General Venter's force pushed on to Tavets and found it partially evacuated. Some Germans with machine guns surrendered to General Berenger. We occupied Tavet a simultaneously as General Tighe commenced the bombardment and attack of Salaita which we occupied. The operations continue.

NO DEFINITE NEWS OF TURKISH PEACE PROPOSALS.

March 10, 6.10 p.m.

According to Reuter British officials say that there is no definite information regarding the Turkish peace proposals to Russia. In view of the Allies' compact any such proposals to be successful must be made to the Allies as a whole. In the absence of reliable news no importance is attached to the reports of the attempted assassination or death of Enver Pasha.

GERMAN SHIPS FOR DEBT SUGGESTED.

March 10, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro says that the *Commercial Journal* recalls that Germany owes Brazil nearly five million sterling for coffee, which they will probably never be able to pay. It suggests that Brazil should prevent the sailing of German ships from Brazilian harbours and then negotiate with Germany for chartering them, in order to relieve the congestion of Brazilian exports. Most rigorous measures are advocated in the event of a German refusal.

FRENCH BOAT LOST.

March 10, 6.10 p.m.

The French barque Ville du Havre has been sunk, two lives being lost.

ANOTHER PROHIBITED IMPORT.

March 10, 7.20 p.m.

The King has signed a proclamation prohibiting the import of foreign preserved fruits.

GERMANY'S COMPLAINT AGAINST PORTUGAL.

March 10, 7.20 p.m.

The German declaration of war against Portugal recites what it calls a long series of breaches of neutrality, including the free passage of the British troops through Mozambique, the purchase of guns etc. from the Entente, and the seizure of German ships. It concludes by saying that Portugal is plainly placing the wishes of Great Britain over all other considerations.

BELIEVED INCENDIARISM ON BAGDAD RAILWAY.

March 10, 7.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that the offices of the Bagdad railway at Adana have been destroyed by fire which is believed to be of incendiary origin.

THE DARDANELLES.

March 10, 7.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that it is believed that the mines have been removed from the Dardanelles to allow Germans submarines to pass to the Black Sea.

DISCONTENT IN BULGARIA.

March 10, 7.20 p.m.

There is discontent in Bulgaria and peace demonstrations are being ruthlessly suppressed.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

March 10, 11.10 p.m.

According to an official message, General Lake reports that General Alymer was operating on March 8 at a point seven miles from the right bank of the Tigris when, in consequence of lack of water, he was compelled to fall back on the river after evacuating it with all the wounded.

SINGLE MUNITION WORKERS' POSSIBLE ENLISTMENT.

March 11, 7.10 p.m.

Mr. Tennant announces that the Government is carefully considering the question of enlisting the single men working in munition factories.

BRITISH NON-COMBATANTS KILLED.

March 11, 7.10 p.m.

Mr. Asquith, in a statement, said the British non-combatants killed by the bombardments were 49 men, 39 women and 39 children and by the air raids 127 men, 92 women and 57 children, while 2,750 had been drowned by the sinking of ships.

THE "AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT."

ENQUIRY INTO RECENT STRANDING.

Captain Explains the Cause of the Grounding.

An enquiry into the circumstances attending the stranding of the s.s. Australian Transport on the Samasan Islands off the west coast of Formosa, on January 4, was held at the Marine Court to-day, at the request of the master. Commander C. W. Beckwith, R. N., presided, the other members of the Court being Commander F. Gibson, R.N., H.M.S. Tamar; Commander Wellesley, R.N.R., Empress of Russia; Lieut.-Commander W. C. Murray, R.N.R., H.M.S. Whiting; and Mr. McGhie, s.s. Glenogle.

Mr. W. B. Hind represented the master and officers of the ship.

Frederick Robert Clarke, captain of the Australian Transport, said they left New York on October 8 last, laden with railway material for Vladivostock via the Cape of Good Hope and Batavia. They left Batavia on December 23. The Captain went on to describe their various positions, saying that as soon as they got clear of Luzon, they encountered heavy squalls and a heavy head sea. They were pitching heavily and shipping water fore and aft. He took his position on January 3, but on the 4th, could not get any sight whatever. He laid a course to clear the Island of Boto Tobago by 10 miles. The weather continued bad. At about 5 o'clock on the 4th, he judged they had cleared the island and he altered his course. At 6 o'clock he altered it again, and at 7 o'clock laid a course to pass between Boto Tobago and Samasan Island. The weather continued a moderate gale with almost continuous rain. He thought the clearing he had allowed was sufficient. At 10.45 he went on the bridge and saw the Third Officer and told him they must be clear of Samasan Island. He then went to lie down. At that time he had been constantly on deck since passing the Apian Pass and had not had his clothes off for four or five days. The next thing he heard was the telegraph ringing "full speed astern," and the ship grounded immediately. He had been 40 years at sea and master for 14 years. He attributed the grounding of the ship to the fact that there was a strong set to the north-west instead of the north-easterly set, which he expected. All the observations taken were taken by himself and by his officers independently. He fired distress signals, and Bujin Maru came, and he was told that he had struck Samasan Island. He found that the No. 1 hold was rapidly filling and he put the engines full speed ahead, as he was afraid that, as it was blowing heavily at the time, the ship would back off and sink in deep water. The weather continued bad and nothing could be done until the 8th, on which date, he began to jettison the deck cargo with a view to re-floating the ship. All the boats had been lowered ready for use. On the 9th, he got two wires ashore and made them fast to boulders so as to keep the ship in position. He cabled to his agents at Taipeh and they replied that it was unsafe to jettison further cargo. The cargo did not float away and they were building it up around the ship. Considerable difficulty was experienced, as they could not work on account of the height of the cargo on the decks both fore and aft. When the tug David Gillies arrived, they arranged to charter a steamer to take off some of the cargo. As they could get nothing suitable, he decided to jettison more cargo, as the weather was threatening. On January 20, the ship floated. The ship was towed into anchorage at Namurzan Bay, and on March 7, they got on an even keel. When she came off, the No. 1 hold was full of water, and the bottom was knocked up from the stem for about 80 feet. To avoid the risk of the bulkhead giving way, the water in the head was subdivided by breakwaters in eight divisions. All the work had to be done by divers, as the water was about 18 feet in the hold. They later went to Tak Hau Cove, for coal and provisions, and Makung, in the Pescadores, which was a good harbour. The weather being fine, they left for Hongkong on the 15th and arrived in Hongkong on the 17th under their own steam. Great care was required in navigating the waters near Formosa owing to the paucity of charts.

Walter Thompson, the second officer, then gave evidence, bearing out the Captain's statement as to the laying of the courses and the state of the weather.

George N. Potts, the third officer, who was on duty at the time of the grounding, said the weather was continuously squally with heavy rain. He saw nothing until about 11.56 p.m. when he saw a light on the port bow. Immediately afterwards, he saw the breakers and he put the engines full speed astern but the ship grounded almost at the same moment. The captain came on deck at once and took charge.

Replying to Mr. Hind, witness said he later swam ashore with a line to fix a wire line.

Evidence was also given by a seaman named James who was on look-out duty.

The enquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.

TAIKOO CLUB.

Smoking Concert and Presentation.

A most successful function was held in Taikoo Club on Wednesday evening, the 8th. inst., when a large attendance of the staff of Taikoo Dockyard assembled to do honour to one of their members, Mr. Tom Young, who left for Home on the 10th. inst. by the P. and O. s.s. Nankin to join the Army.

During an interval in a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music, the Chairman, Mr. Tom Grimshaw, on behalf of the staff, presented Mr. Young with a pair of Heathe' f12 prismatic binoculars, and a gold watch (both suitably inscribed) as a token of the esteem in which Mr. Young was held in the Dockyard.

Mr. Grimshaw, in a few well-chosen remarks, spoke of the spirit of patriotism that was necessary before anyone would go such a distance on such a mission, and as this gathering was the first held under such circumstances by the Dockyard staff, he wanted Mr. Young to know that although those present could not be with him in person, they would be, to a man, with him in spirit and sentiment. He hoped that the day was not far distant when the war would cease and Mr. Young would return safely to Quarry Bay. Mr. Eldridge also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Young.

Mr. Young, in thanking the staff for the presentation, said it was beyond him to find words suitable to express his gratitude for the splendid manner in which he had been treated. He greatly valued the handsome presents which he was asked to accept, but still greater did he value the spirit in which they had been given. Although he was leaving now for Home, he hoped to return at the end of the war to renew the friendships and associations which he had made during his stay in Hongkong.

The arrangements for the social side of the evening were in the capable hands of Mr. A. J. England and the following gentlemen contributed to the success of the evening—Messrs. A. Bootes, H. Relph, V. Lebrun, A. J. England, D. Young, Jno. Russell, Robt. Gray, R. W. Bristow, W. Prowse, and R. K. Duncan. Mr. Silkstone officiated at the piano. A memorable occasion was brought to a close at midnight by the company singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Annual Dance.

The annual dance in connection with the R.G.A. Sergeants Mess is to be held at the Royal Naval Theatre on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The Tennis Tournament.

Owing to the very inclement weather which prevailed on Saturday, it was found to be impossible to play off the games which had been arranged, and thus the tournament is put back a little. Given fine weather from now, there should, however, be no difficulty in getting all the games in the first and second rounds of the various competitions played off by the stated date. Several interesting games were fixed to take place this afternoon. Among those arranged for to-morrow are the following:—

Handicap Singles "A".—H. J. Vermey (receives 3/6) v. T. W. Hill (receives 3/6). Handicap Singles "B".—F. Bevington (scratch) v. T. Vander Wal (receives 3/6). Handicap Doubles.—A. H. Crook and A. B. Raworth (receive 2/6) v. W. E. Hoogewerff and H. W. Weyler (receive 5/6). H. C. Sandford and L. N. Murphy (scratch) v. P. S. Cassidy and A. Morse (receive 15/3). Mixed Doubles Handicap.—T. E. Pearce and Mrs. T. E. Pearce (receive 15) v. H. B. Phelps and Mrs. Armstrong (owe 15/3). C. C. Stark and Mrs. C. C. Stark (receive 1/6) v. N. E. Kent and Mrs. Whitmarsh (owe 15).

NO HUSBAND...

"I Dismissed him Two Weeks Ago."

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese woman named Ng Tai, was charged with being in possession of about 50 lbs. of blasting powder without having a license.

Defendant:—It's a lie.

Sergeant Field said he visited defendant's house and in a cubicle, he found 10 lbs. of blasting powder, and in another place he found 40 lbs., covered over with matting. Defendant's husband was there at the time.

Defendant:—Another lie. I have not got a husband. I dismissed him two weeks ago.—(Laughter).

Sergeant Field, continuing, said the larger quantity was in a little yard at the back, entrance to which, could not be gained from the outside.

Defendant said the last witness went to her house and asked for a man who was a stonecutter. He was not there and the policeman then left, and they all went to sleep. Twice more he reappeared, the last time bringing with him a packet, which he accused her of having in her possession.

Inspector Angus said defendant's husband manufactured the powder and sold it to quarrymen at about 20 cents a catty. It was a very dangerous place to keep it in.

A fine of $25 was imposed.

TIGERS AT WUCHOW.

Crop Plentiful This Year.

Hongkong visitors to Wuchow state that there is a distinct prevalence of tigers in that neighbourhood just now. Last week no fewer than five of these animals were brought into the city by native trappers. Placed in stout bamboo cages the tigers were carried through the streets for the delectation of sightseers—and of prospective buyers! Not one of the beasts was less than half-grown.

We understand that "tiger-meat" is fetching as much as eighty cents a catty among the townsfolk of Wuchow, who eat it, not because it is necessarily a delicacy, but because of their belief in its virtues—a meal of tiger's flesh having the power to confer untold strength and bravery on the eater. The "whiskers" in particular are credited with this power, and are accordingly being sold at prohibitive prices.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Races for the Commodore's Cups.

A high wind and a very rough sea prevailed on Saturday when the races for the Commodore's Cups in connection with the Royal Hongkong Yacht were sailed off, and, in consequence, some had to be abandoned and others were decided but not without mishaps.

In the Handicap Class, only two yachts finished the course, these being Coltfoss and Rona, the latter winning by 1min. 20 secs. In connection with this race a very unfortunate circumstance robbed Miss Iris May of certain victory. With Diana she was in a very favourable position but when about three parts of the course had been gone the yacht sprang a leak and the lady, who showed plucky yachtsmanship, had to be escorted to the anchorage by a police patrol launch.

The Daphne was the only boat to finish in the One Design Class, the others having all to give up, owing to torn sails and, in one case, a broken mast.

Toinette won the Heyward-Hays and Gaal Class, White Rose being the only other boat to finish the course.

The Cruiser Class race was won by Miranda, this being the only yacht to finish in the time limit.

It has been decided that the unfinished race for the English-rig Cruisers in the competition for the Commodore's Cup will be sailed simultaneously with the last race for Cruisers in the Championship series on Sunday next. The course for both events will be the same, viz., North Fairway buoy, Trocas Rock buoy and Lyeemun beacon, all starboard, distance 14 miles.

Kailan Output.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 26, amounted to 58,109 tons and the sales during the period to 48,569 tons.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICES.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on Friday, the 31st March, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1916.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
From CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ITOLA,"

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1916.

WANTED.

WANTED.—Nurse or Nursery Governess (experienced) wanted.—Apply "A.B.A." c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

COMMERCIAL.

Takn Tug and Lighter Co.

The Annual General meeting of the Taku Tug and Lighter Co. Ltd., was held at Tientsin on the 29th ult. with Mr. W. A. Morling in the chair. The result of the year's working showed a balance of $155,600.77. An interim dividend of 2 per cent. was paid in September last and a final dividend of 6 per cent. making 8 per cent. for the year as announced. The total value of the Company's Steamers and Lighters now amount to Taels 1,506,917.74.

The Cotton Crop in the Punjab.

Lahore, January 31.—Although the cotton crop was poor this year in this province, it is gratifying to note the successful results of the introduction of American cotton in the canal colonies. At the Lyallpore sales, held a few days ago, a representative of Messrs. Tata and Sons came up from Nagpore on the invitation of the Agricultural Department and purchased all the finer counts cotton that were for sale there.

Sugar Prospects in Far East.

At the present time, writes the U. S. Consul General at Hongkong, sugar prospects in the Far East are much brighter than usual. Philippines promise a large crop, that of Negros and Panay probably reaching 4,000,000 piculs, or about 266,666 short tons, and exceeding all previous records. The Board having charge of the erection of sugar centrals in the Islands under the new plan of assisting such projects by loans from Government funds has decided to promote the erection of at least one new mill to care for the 1916-17 crop. Prices of sugar all over the Far East have held up well, the demand in America supplementing the reviving demand in China and India. The Hongkong refineries have been crippled in their operation both by the restricted market in China and other consuming centers, and by the difficulty of securing raw sugar from Java and other producing countries. This has led to an increase in the import of sugar from the Philippines and from Chinese ports. The imports into to Colony for the first half of the current year are placed by commercial interests at 189,133 short tons, as compared with 270,333 short tons during the same period of 1914.

Chinese Mining Law Revision.

The present Chinese Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, by whom are handled the mining affairs of China, has determined to have the Mining Regulations revised by experts. A set of regulations was promulgated some time ago, but failed to meet with a favourable reception, many of them being regarded as unworkable, or at least, unacceptable to foreign capitalists. Efforts have been made from time to time to induce foreigners to invest capital and employ their experience in developing mines in China, but unhappily, a *modus vivendi* could never be reached owing to the requirements of the laws. The foreign diplomats also turned their faces against the regulations with the result that there has been practically no advance made in the opening of the mineral wealth of the country. So incessant has the demand been for a revision, that Mr. Chow Tze-chi has determined to see what can be done, and with the object of having the best talent available, he has secured the services of Mr. Lindsay, K.C., who has had wide experience in mining law and its application in various parts of the world, and who was engaged as legal advisor by the British financial group composed of Messrs. Pearson and Son, Ltd., the British and Chinese Corporation, Ltd., in connexion with their negotiations with the Government for mining rights in the province of Szechwan. In the work of revision of the mining laws Mr. Lindsay will have co-operating with him Dr. Anderson and Mr. A. S. Wheler, the advisors to the mining department. —*Exchange.*

For a good solid meal a la Carte or Table d'Hote with Wines & Liquors of the Best ALEXANDRA CAFE.

ENEMY TRADING CASE.

(Continued from page 2.)

No evidence was offered by the defendant Company of ownership of the goods. No copy of the policy was produced to the Court; a press copy was seen by the secretary who was almost certain the "free from capture" clause was omitted. The particulars of the policy, however, were set out in the January, 1915, return of Telge and Schroeter, which has been produced to the Court (Ex. 2).

It is now necessary to deal with the law and I set out the section of the Regulations under which the charge is brought—it reads as follows:—

"Any person subject to the jurisdiction of His Majesty's Supreme Court for China who insures.....or otherwise undertakes to pay or make good any loss or damage suffered or to be suffered by the enemy at sea commits an offence. . . ."

The Regulations bear the marks of hasty drafting and were no doubt framed in a hurry:—e.g. they provide for a penalty of £50 on summary conviction, whereas the O. in C. 1904, from which they derive their authority, by Art. 45 provides for a maximum fine of £20; no definition is given of an enemy; and they speak of "person subject to the Jurisdiction of H.M. Supreme Court for China."

It follows therefore there must be:—

(a) A person subject to the jurisdiction, etc.

(b) An insurance by such person.

(c) Of enemy property liable to capture at sea.

Taking these in this order:—

(a) The O. in C. 1904 under which the Regulations derive their authority provides in Art. 3 the interpretation clause that "person" includes corporation. The defendant Company, therefore, come within the definition of a "person subject to the Jurisdiction."

(b) I have found as a fact that an insurance was effected by Telge and Schroeter, the Hankow agents of the defendant Company.

(c) There remains lastly the question of enemy property liable to capture at sea.

The actual wording of section I of the Regulations does not include the words "liable to capture" but the Crown accepted the contention that the words should be read into the section and took upon themselves the burden of proof that the cargo was enemy property liable to capture at sea. No definition is given of the word "enemy," and counsel for the Crown argues that "enemy" is alien enemy.

I may fairly summarize the arguments of the counsel for the defendant Company as follows:—

(1) that the nationality of Carlowitz & Co., has not been clearly shown;

(2) assuming the cargo in question is German, that Germans in China in January, 1915, were not enemies but neutrals;

(3) that H. M. Government by various Proclamations embodied in an Act of Parliament, and Regulation, declared them neutrals in China and that the recognition of neutrality legalizes trade with such persons;

(4) that a licence was granted to ship German cargo in British ships and that it follows that such cargo when shipped is not liable to capture;

(5) that if Germans can ship on British ships they can have the cargo insured;

(6) finally that this insurance could have been effected by a company in England.

(1) I find little difficulty in dealing with the question of the nationality of Carlowitz and Co. This firm is registered in the German Consulate here and has its head office here.

The Eumaeus (T. L. R. 23, November, 1915) is conclusive on this point. The status of the firm of Arnold Karberg and Co.—a firm on exactly the same footing as Carlowitz and Co.—was considered and it was held that the firm was German.

I must hold that Carlowitz & Co. is a German firm.

(2) On the point that the Germans in China in January, 1915, were neutrals, counsel quotes from Dicey Conflict of Laws 2nd edition page 741 *et seq.*, where the author goes into the question of commercial domicile. The edition was published in 1908 and, I would remark, different views as to commercial domicile have been expressed since.

(3) Counsel, however, does not rely greatly on Dicey, but bases his argument principally on the Trading with the Enemy Proclamations embodied in The Trading with the Enemy Act, 1914, the King's Regulations No. 4, of 1915, and that Germans in China were not made enemies till the Proclamation of June 25th, 1915. It is undoubtedly true that these Proclamations and the Act confined the meaning of "enemy" to persons resident or carrying on business in the German Empire and its colonies and dependencies; and the argument is that, trading with these alone being prohibited, all other Germans are declared neutral and therefore trade with them is legal. I consider that this argument is not sound; it entirely overlooks the purpose and scope of the Trading with the Enemy Act and Proclamations. What exactly did the Act do? It penalized British subjects who traded with a certain class of Germans; it did not confer the status of neutrals on Germans not in that class, it was not able to do so; all that happened was that British subjects who traded with Germans not in the class armed at were not punished.

Exactly the same reasoning applies to King's Regulation No. 4 of 1915. What the Proclamation of June 25, 1915, and the King's Regulation No. 10 of 1915 did was to increase the classes of Germans to trade with whom subjected British subjects to penalties.

This being my opinion, it is not necessary for me to deal with the law quoted by counsel from Arnould, Marine Insurance (9th edition, Vol. 2, page 944) and the case Blackburn v. Thompson, 3 Campbel Reports p. 66.

Dealing with the arguments 2 and 3 I am of opinion that Germans in China were from the outbreak of war alien enemies, and that the doctrine of commercial domicile has now been done away with; the decisions of the Alexandria Prize Court and that in the Eumaeus (supra) show this latter clearly, and I hold that the Trading with the Enemy Act 1914 did not and could not confer on Germans in China the status of neutrals.

(4) Counsel, however, further argues that as permission was granted to British ships to carry German cargo this cargo was not liable to capture. It is clear that a circular was issued by H. M. Consulate General (Ex. 26) dated October 19th, 1914, stating "that the shipping of cargo by a German firm in British bottoms to allied or neutral ports does not infringe the terms of the King's Proclamation."

And in the circular it is mentioned that the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has laid down the ruling.

The Foreign Office at the time apparently was advised that Germans in China were to be treated as neutrals. The importance of extra-territoriality does not seem to have been sufficiently considered. However much respect may be paid to these advisers, I cannot see how their advice can overrule the decision of the judges given in the cases before mentioned.

Can any ruling or opinion, licence, permission—call it what you may—of the Executive make or alter the law? Undoubtedly not. Counsel for defendant Company called the Secretary and two other witnesses on the question of the permission to ship above mentioned and its relation to insurance, and counsel for the Crown, two Consular officials. One of the witnesses, Mr. Cox, stated that the Consul-General informed him it was permissible to insure German cargo in neutral ships to neutral ports, a letter was written to him on August 20th, 1914, to that effect (Ex. 24). It must be noted that that neutral ships are mentioned—the cargo in the case before me was carried in British ships. The other witness Mr. Burnie stated that in December, 1914, the Consul-General told him he could insure German cargo to neutral ports. This statement the Consul-General had no hesitation in denying; on being further questioned as to his recollection of the interview, he added that two classes of British subjects came to see him, those who wished to trade with the enemy inquiring how far they could go, and those who did not wish to trade, and Mr. Burnie was in the former category.

It is also clear from his evidence that the Consul-General has never wavered in his opinion that trading with Germans in China was undesirable, and, that being so, it seems certain to me that his recollection of the interview in question is accurate. He must have had the Treasonable Insurance Regulations in his mind and also the despatch from the Foreign Office referred to in his evidence. I need not go into details as to the interviews between the Secretary of the Company and H. M. Shipping Vice-Consul. Both are agreed that at this lapse of time their recollection may not be absolutely clear, and in any case neither interview can be termed official. I now turn to the question whether the cargo was liable to capture.

Prima facie enemy cargo on a British ship is liable to capture. That this is so is laid down in Halleck International Law 1893, Volume 2, page 96.

"If such owners (i.e. of property on the high seas) are hostile, friendly, or neutral, their property is to be considered hostile, friendly, or neutral and as such is subject to, or exempt from, capture."

The reason for the rule of English law that enemy property at sea is liable to capture is very clearly set out in the work by Pitt Cobbett at page 139.

And if further authority is required the decision in the Eumaeus, before quoted, clinches the matter; the destination of the cargo as in that case seems to me in this connection immaterial.

(5) Having dealt with the arguments 1-4 of counsel for defendant Company in the manner above I need only say as to (5) that the facts of the case Usaricha v. Noble (13 East Reports page 339) quoted by him were not the same as those of the charge under consideration. There an alien enemy was licensed by the British Government and it was held that he was entitled to have his cargo insured.

Here no German has been directly licensed by our Government and at its highest, the contention, if successful, of the consul for defendant company would do no more than make the German a neutral.

(6) Finally, on the question that this insurance could have been effected in England, I say it could have been effected without the Company effecting it being called on to answer a criminal charge under the Trading with the Enemy Act. It seems to me, however, that any action on the policy would fail on the ground that the contract is unenforceable.

It may be argued that the conclusion I have come to—viz., that this cargo was liable to capture at sea bears heavily on steamship companies; that, having been permitted to ship German cargo, they would find their ships detained perhaps for many months, with consequent loss of freight, etc. I have no doubt that if such a case had arisen the British Government would have waived their rights; to act otherwise would have exposed them to comment.

Do the same considerations apply to Insurance Companies? I think not. The Treasonable Insurance Regulations, the circular of August 1914 (Ex. 12), the notification on August 10th 1914, a letter from the Consul-General of September 8th in the China Association circular (Ex. 14)—all these were published, and, further, the two circulars of October 19th and 26th, 1914, (Ex. 17 and 25) give no authorization to insure. Against that there is the letter of the Consul General dated August 20th, 1914, (Ex. 24) as to insurance in neutral bottoms. It is clear that the Insurance Companies had ample notice and warning.

I find this charge proved and I impose a fine of £20 on the defendant Company and order them to pay the costs of the prosecution when ascertained on taxation.

Counsel for the defence announced that the decision would be appealed against, and the hearing of 17 other charges was consequently adjourned formally for three weeks.

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THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th March, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1915.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to 29th March, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1916.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Thirty Fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Account to 31st December, 1915, and the report of the General Managers.

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NOTICES

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th day of March, 1916, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution will be proposed:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) That after the word "Company" in the 16th line of Article 110 the following words shall be added:—
"The General Managers may also with the consent of the Consulting Committee pay such bonus or bonuses as the General Managers shall think fit."

(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.

(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 115.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1916.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 32ND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th March, to SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1916.

NOTICE.

E. R.

Until further notice, the Government Dredger "St. Enoch" will be dredging an area extending to 300 yards South of the Star Ferry Pier at Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

All craft are warned to pass outside 100 yards from this vessel and all steamers must ease their engines to slow, when passing within 300 yards of her.

When the Dredger is working, she will fly by day, a red burgee from after mast and by night, 2 red lights, one at each mast-head.

C. W. BECKWITH,
Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1916.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at Noon on TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1916.

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The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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Empire

MAILS DUE.

Europe, (via Negapatam), Fushimi Maru, 13th March
Australia, Empire, 14th March
Europe, (London, 9th Feb. via Siberia), Chenan, 15th March
Europe, (English Mail), Malta, 16th Mar.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai & N. China—Per FEICHING, 13th March, 5 p.m.

Saigon—Per LAERTES, 13th March, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per FUSHIMI M., 14th Mar., 9 a.m.

Haiphong & Hoihow—Per TAIWAN M., 14th March, 9 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per CHELAN MARU, 14th March, 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per SHENGKING, 14th Mar., 10 a.m.

Japan via Moji—Per BANRI M., 14th March, 10 a.m.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 14th March 10 a.m.

American, Canadian & U.K. Mails. Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, N. & S. America via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada—Per KARIMOEN, 14th March, Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, N. & S. America, via San Francisco and United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per SHINYO M., 14th March, Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

[Shanghai Br. P.O. Satur., 18th March.]

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 14th March, 1 p.m.

Australian Mail. Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per TANGO MARU, 14th March, Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per CHINHUA, 14th March, 3 p.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per LINAN, 14th March, Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3.00 p.m.

[Shanghai Br. P.O. Satur., 18th March.]

Weihaiwei & Tientsin—Per CHIPSHING, 14th March, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per ITOLA, 14th Mar., 5 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per WOSANG, 14th March, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 15th March.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao and Anping—Per SOSHU M., 15th March, 9 a.m.

Canadian & Siberian Mails. Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C., Seattle, & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per YOKOHAMA M., 15th March, Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

[Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 18th Mar.]

THURSDAY, 16th March.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per HONGKONG, 16th March, 11 a.m.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and New Guinea via Thursday Islands—Per St. ALBANS, 16th March, Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

Siberian, Australian Mails. Shanghai, N. China, (Europe via Siberia)—Per SHANTUNG, 16th March, Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 20th Mar.]

FRIDAY, 17th March.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 17th March, 1 p.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Moji, (Europe via Siberia)—Per KANJO MARU, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.

[Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 20th Mar.]

SUNDAY, 19th March.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui—Per KANJO MARU, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Feiching, Chi. s.s. 994, A. B. Rainer, 11th March—Swatow, 10th Mar., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Nikko Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,076, R. Takeda, 11th March—Manila, 9th Mar., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Moresby, Br. s.s. 1,359, M. B. Wilson, 11th Mar.—Saigon, 6th Mar., Rice—Ray.

Ningpo, Br. s.s. 1,223, J. A. Mobulloch, 11th March—Saigon, Rice—B. & S.

Shantung, Br. s.s. 1,221, Meathrel, 12th March—Shanghai, 9th March, Gen.—B. & S.

Shiokubi Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,789, C. Shirai, 12th March—Miike, 6th March, Coal—M. B. K.

Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, J. S. Taomson, 12th March—Foochow, 9th March, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. 739, A. Marguerite, 12th March—Haiphong, 9th March, Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Itola, Br. s.s. 3,462, A. Manvo, 12th Mar.—Calcutta, 23rd Feb., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Bombay M., Jap. s.s. 4,860, Y. Kobayashi, 12th March—Singapore, 5th March, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Shansi, Br. s.s. 1,223, E. B. Simons, 12th March—Saigon, 8th March, Rice—B. & S.

St. Albans, Br. s.s. 2,533, E. T. Pilcher, 13th March—Kobe, 8th March, Gen.—G. L. & Co.

DEPARTED.

March 10.

Chinkiang for Saigon

March 11.

Shao Hsing for Canton
Yingchow for Canton
Daigi Maru for Tamsui via Swatow
Soshu Maru for Canton
Chusan for Singapore via Swatow
Anyo Maru for San Francisco via Nagaki
Chaloo for Saigon
Loongsang for Manila
Myogisan Maru for Bombay
Hsin Lee for Foochow
Kaga Maru for Calcutta via Rangoon
Chipshing for Canton
Chongya for K. C. Wan via Macao

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

March 11.

Kwongsang for Shanghai via Swatow
Quarta for Bangkok via Swatow
Luchow for Shanghai
Jinju Maru for C. W. Tao
Fausang for Saigon
Nikko Maru for Nagasaki

March 12.

Shantung for Canton
Bombay Maru for Kobe via Shanghai
Laertes for Saigon
Feiching for Shanghai
Taisang for Saigon
Hutchow for Tientsin
Kiangtung for Macao

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Mar., 1916.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1915.		1916.	
Tytam	9ft. 2in. overflow	Below	24ft. 0in. overflow	Below
Tytam Byewash	24ft. 11in. overflow	Below	27ft. 0in. overflow	Below
Tytam Intermediate	15ft. 1in. overflow	Below	18ft. 1in. overflow	Above
Pokfulam	22ft. 1in. overflow	Below	18ft. 4in. overflow	Below
Wong-nai-chung	35ft. 10in. overflow	Below	39ft. 7in. overflow	Below
Tytam Low Level	nil.		25ft. 7in. overflow	Below

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1915.	1916.
Tytam	308.05	221.90
Tytam Byewash	70	.22
Tytam Intermediate	129.50	207.88
Pokfulam	20.55	27.55
Wong-nai-chung	2.77	.80
Tytam Low Level	Nil.	70.80
Total	450.57	478.35

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Feb., 1916.

	1915	1916
Consumption	132.45	122.62 m. gallons
Estimated population	261,729	263,719
Consumption per head per day	18.2	16.0 gallons

Constant supply in all districts during February, 1915. Supply by house-service to houses connected with Rider Mains discontinued and supply given by street fountains only during February, 1916, except at Chinese New Year (February 1st to 4th inclusive) when a Constant supply by house-services was given.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1915		1916	
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	3ft. 5in. overflow	Below	9ft. 7in. overflow	Below

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1915	1916
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	317.85	262.80

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and Decimals of Gallons During the month of Feb., 1916.

	1915	1916
Consumption	27.58	25.46 m. gallons
Estimated population	95,000	97,700
Consumption per head per day	20.5	9.1 gallons

The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 13th at 10.58—The depression over Indo-China has filled up. A strong anticyclone has formed over N. China.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the east coast of China, and moderate monsoon over N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. to N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. gale.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
13th March, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds D'ction.	Winds Force.	Weather.
Wostock	6a	29.99			se	2	c
Namuro	5a	29.99			nnw	3	c
Hakodate	"	30.03			nnw	1	c
Tokio	"	29.99			nnw	1	c
Kochi	"	30.09				0	c
Nagasaki	"	30.17			nne	1	c
Nagima	"	30.13			nnw	1	c
Oshima	"	30.16				0	c
Naha	"	30.05				0	c
Ishijima	"	30.01			wnw	2	c
Bonin Is.	"	30.20				0	c
Chefoo	6a						
Wihaiwei	"	30.46	30	86	n	5	b
Hankow	"						
Ichang	"						
Kiukiang	"						
Changsha	"						
Shanghai	"	30.35	41	73	nne	2	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.32	44		ene	4	o
Sharp P.	"	30.19	54	86	nne	6	o
Amoy	8a	30.18	56	84	ne	4	r
Swatow	6a	30.08	60	94	nne	2	o
Taihoku	5a	30.10	61	96	ene	2	c
Taichu	"	30.00	62		nne	4	o
Tainan	"	29.93	63		n	4	o
Koshun	"	29.94	66		nne	2	o
Pdoresa	"	30.01	63		nne	7	o
Canton	9a	29.95	61	94	n	2	o
H'tong	"	29.99	61	97	e	4	cf
Gap Rock	"	29.99			ene	1	f
Macao	"	29.95	63	98	ene	1	o
Wuchow	9a	30.10	62	83	ne	2	o
Pakhoi	"						
Hoihow	"						
Fhullen	6a	29.83	68	100	e	4	cf
Tourane	"	29.85	70		nnw	6	cf
C. St. J.	"	29.84	73		ene	2	o
Aparri	"	29.92	73	89	s	4	b
Dagupan	"	29.86	72	99		0	b
Manila	"	29.87	72	91	ne	1	b
Legaspi	"	29.86	77	92		0	o
Tacloban	"	29.85	75	96		0	o
Iloilo	"	29.82	77	88	n	4	o
Surigao	"	29.82	75	96	ss	1	o
Lapuan	"	29.78	78	94	sw	6	b

H.K. RADIO—TELEGRAMS.

*Nikko M.	6	30.01	62		ne	5	o

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, March 13.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

*Lat. 23.15 N. Long. 117.24 E.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 9 p.m.	On date at 4 a.m.	On date at 9 a.m.
Barometer	29.93	30.05	30.06
Temperature	61	61	61
Humidity	91	97	88
Wind Direction	E	E	E
" Force	4	4	5
Weather	od	cf	o
Rain	—	—	—

Highest mean air Temperature on the 12th 64
Lowest " " " " " 50

H.K. Observatory, 13th March.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

From 13th to 19th Mar., 1916.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in. H.	h. m.	ft. in. W.
Mon.	13	No infer.		m 0 44	7.9
Tues.	14	4 79 a	5.2 H.	8.0	
		No infer.		0 52 low.	W.
Wed.	15	m 5 34 a	6.0 H.	m 1 22	2.7
		6 26 a	6.3	2 0	2.5
Thur.	16	m 6 48	6.5 H.	m 2 55	2.5
		7 14 a	6.5	3 28	3.6
Fri.	17	m 7 40	6.6 H.	m 3 56	2.3
		8 02 a	6.7	4 48	3.2
Sat	18	m 8 32	6.6 H.	m 5 54	2.3
		8 52 a	6.5	6 28	2.7
Sun.	19	m 9 20	6.3 H.	m 7 0	2.4
		9 36 a	6.2	7 32	2.2

m morning. a afternoon.

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Hongkong 9th July, 1915.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH YEARLY General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club, will be held in the Club House, on MONDAY, the 27th March, 1916, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1916.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The TWENTY-NINTH HALF YEARLY Drawing of 65 Debentures, (1896 issue) of the Hongkong Club, Payable on FRIDAY, the 31st March 1916, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock a.m., on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1916.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,
E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1916.

NOTICE.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We have this day removed our Offices and Show-rooms from the First Floor to the Second Floor of 10, Des Vœux Road Central. (Above the Robinson Piano Company).

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1916.

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Paid-up Capital	£ 2,437,500
II.—Fire Funds	3,837,047
III.—Life and Annuity Funds	17,567,590
Sinking Fund Account	128,230
	£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch	2,381,556
" Life and Annuity	
" Branches	2,141,513
" Marine Department	337,219
Other Receipts	478,940
	£5,339,218

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested and by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's business.

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